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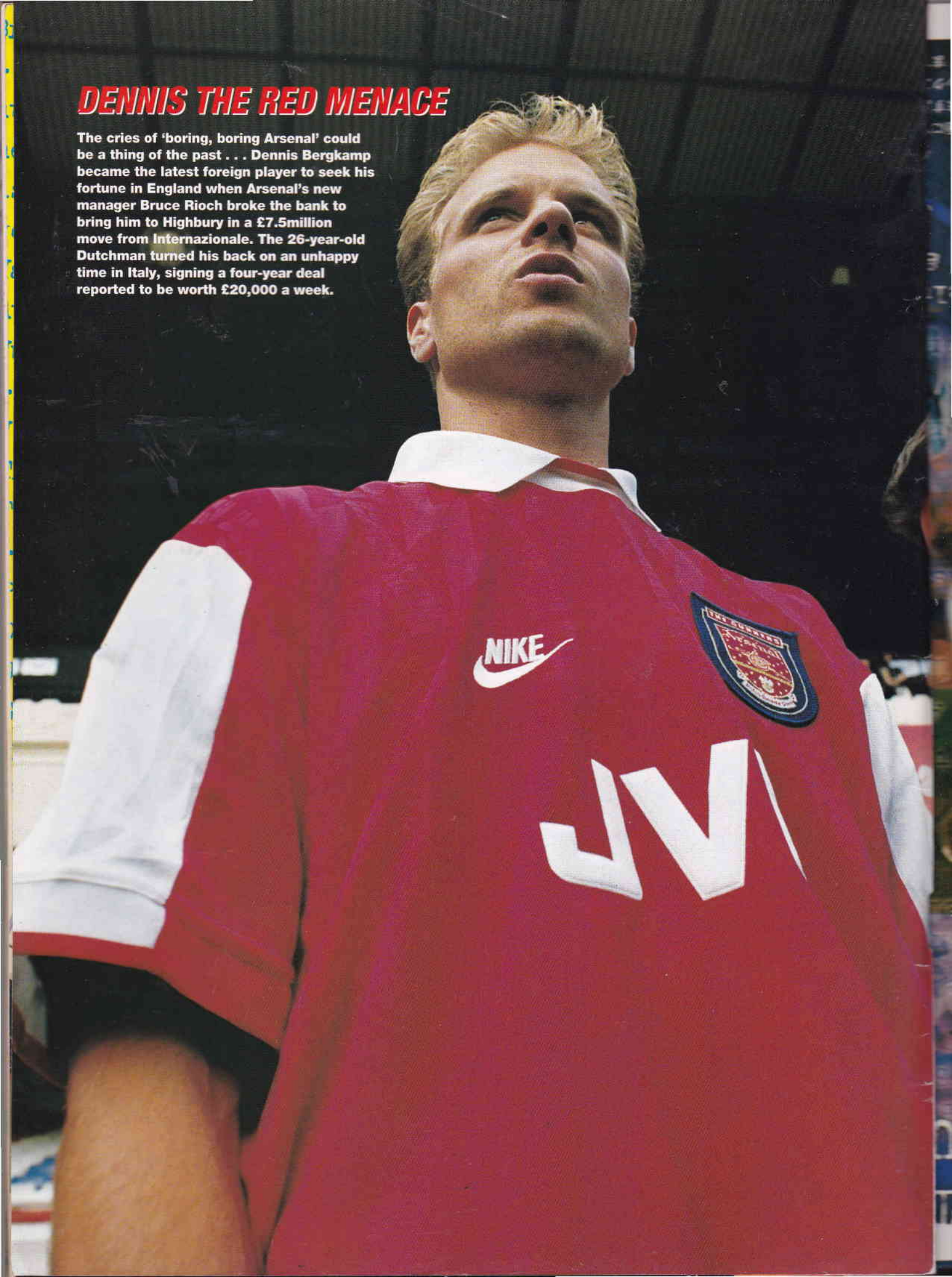
The cries of 'boring, boring Arsenal' could be a thing of the past . . . Dennis Bergkamp became the latest foreign player to seek his fortune in England when Arsenal's new manager Bruce Rioch broke the bank to bring him to Highbury in a £7.5million move from Internazionale. The 26-year-old Dutchman turned his back on an unhappy time in Italy, signing a four-year deal reported to be worth £20,000 a week.



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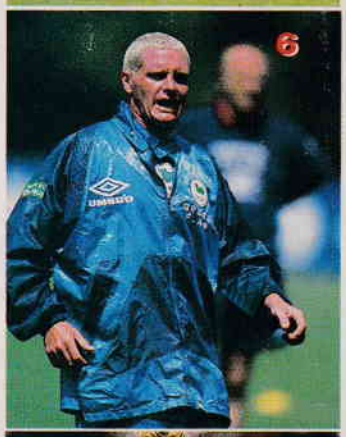

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hip replace

Any other team would have struggled without Romario and Bebeto. But not Brazil. At the Umbro Cup coach Mario Zagalo unveiled a young attacking partnership with the flair and vision to destroy the world's finest defences. David Walker enters the brave new world of Edmundo and Juninho

THE SORCERER and his battered apprentice reminded the world game at the Umbro Cup that Brazil – whatever the political complexities off the pitch – remain superior on it and can do so for a long, long time to come.

As England, Sweden and Japan discovered, Edmundo and Juninho – deputising, almost, for Bebeto and Romario – are an attacking duo who boast, in their own right, the flair and attacking vision to dismantle the world's finest defences.

That is exactly what they are expected to do for Brazil over the next few years as the South Americans build a team capable of defending their crown as the finest football nation on the planet.

Edmundo is the 24-year-old striker whose tantrums suggest that Eric Cantona really possesses the temperament of Bobby Charlton. Admittedly, Edmundo doesn't launch kung fu attacks on spectators. He restricts his physical assaults to his manager, referees, opponents and team-mates. And that's where the brilliant midfielder Juninho enters the wacky world of Edmundo.

The 22-year-old playmaker was the striker's team-mate at Palmeiras last year. The two got on well until one day, for no apparent reason, Edmundo ran over and smashed a fist into Juninho's face.

That attack meant a 40-day ban from the Brazilian confederation. Within the space of 13 months the colossally gifted striker was involved in 20 separate onfield fights with players. He has since been transferred to Rio side Flamengo for £3million but has yet to play for his new club.

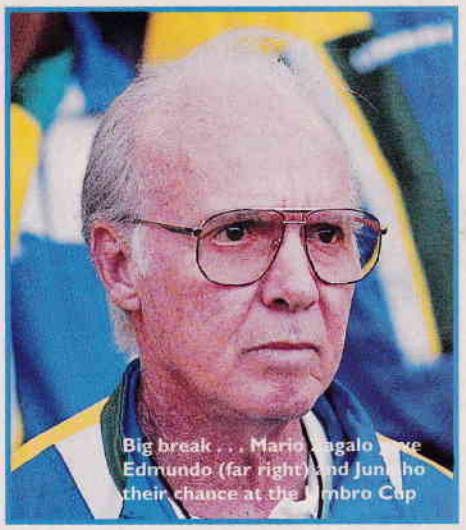
Leonardo, the left-back or midfielder dubbed 'Prince Leo' because of his aristocratic demeanour since moving to Japanese club Kashima Antlers, explains the human time bomb the world champions now live with.

He says: "There's no doubt that Edmundo deserves his reputation. But players do learn their lesson. There's no need for this fame to accompany Edmundo for ever. We hope he can grow up.

"The likes of Edmundo and Juninho don't have World Cup experience but they come from great club sides in Brazil. They have a lot of experience from top level football back home. They got their chance in England because Bebeto and Romario were missing from our squad for a variety of reasons. Any other team would miss two great players like them. There's no doubt we are very fortunate in having a great number of good players we can choose and form a team from.

"In Brazil we have players of 18 and 19 years of age who can come into the national side and can win major trophies with us."

Ninety per cent of Brazilian coaches wouldn't let Edmundo near their teams. The brutal reality though is that he is currently rated the finest player in his homeland. He shares the kind of Midas touch for trophy winning that Cantona has enjoyed with Marseille, Leeds and Manchester United.



Big break . . . Mario Zagalo gives Edmundo (far right) and Juninho their chance at the Umbro Cup

But Edmundo can cost a coach his job simply by downing tools and refusing to play for the boss. He did exactly that last year with Palmeiras. In a public battle of wills there was only one winner – Edmundo. Yet Mario Zagalo, Brazil's wily tactician, has decided he must take Edmundo on board as he prepares for his country's defence of their World Cup in France in 1998.

He encourages his revitalised 32-year-old skipper Dunga to enforce the law on the field in an attempt to concentrate the wayward striker's mind on things that matter and not petty feuds.

Dunga's nickname in the Brazil camp is 'Schwarzenegger'. He is the battle-hardened, muscular tough guy who sets the competitive standard for the team. And it was Dunga who offered the most eloquent salute to 22-year-old Juninho's burgeoning talent inside the Brazil dressing room.

When he first saw the player to whom Zagalo had handed the playmaker's role in Israel earlier this year, Dunga took the 63-year-old coach to one side and asked: "Who is the little boy wearing the No 10 shirt?" After the match Dunga fell to his knees, offering Juninho profuse apologies for doubting his ability.

Juninho has never looked back and like Zico before him, has benefited from an intense course of nutrional and medical care aimed at building his strength and adding precious inches to his height. It's claimed Zico grew 17 centimetres in four years after spending six hours each day in the laboratory and gymnasium with the physiology experts.

Juninho still appears a skinny lightweight but Brazilian doctors believe he is a fitter specimen than the one they set eyes on four years ago.

Whatever the rucks and rows between Edmundo and Juninho, they are capable of producing football that touches the sublime. After the conservative approach to winning the World Cup last year, we are now being reminded of the sporting virtues that made Brazil the most feared team on earth.

Zagalo said: "We're seeing Brazilian football played like it hasn't been played for a number of years. It's wrong to make comparisons with previous teams. This is a different side to the one that won the World Cup in 1994. We played the way we had to play and we won. Now we've changed things and we're playing the football we think we should be producing.

"I had to watch the Sweden-England game closely to decide our approach to the match at Wembley but I hope the fans went away recognising that we still deliver our particular brand of quality."

Juninho adopted the imagery of the matador ahead of his first appearance at Wembley. He told me: "We will face the bull, look it in the eyes and then deal with it."

Brazil did just that. Juninho scored the equaliser with a typically brilliant free-kick and set up another for Edmundo. Whatever their other disagreements, the name of the game for Brazil is harmony. And that means a lot of problems to come for the rest of the world.

'We're seeing Brazilian football like it hasn't been played for years. At the World Cup we played the way we had to play. Now we're playing the football we think we should be producing' MARIO ZAGALO

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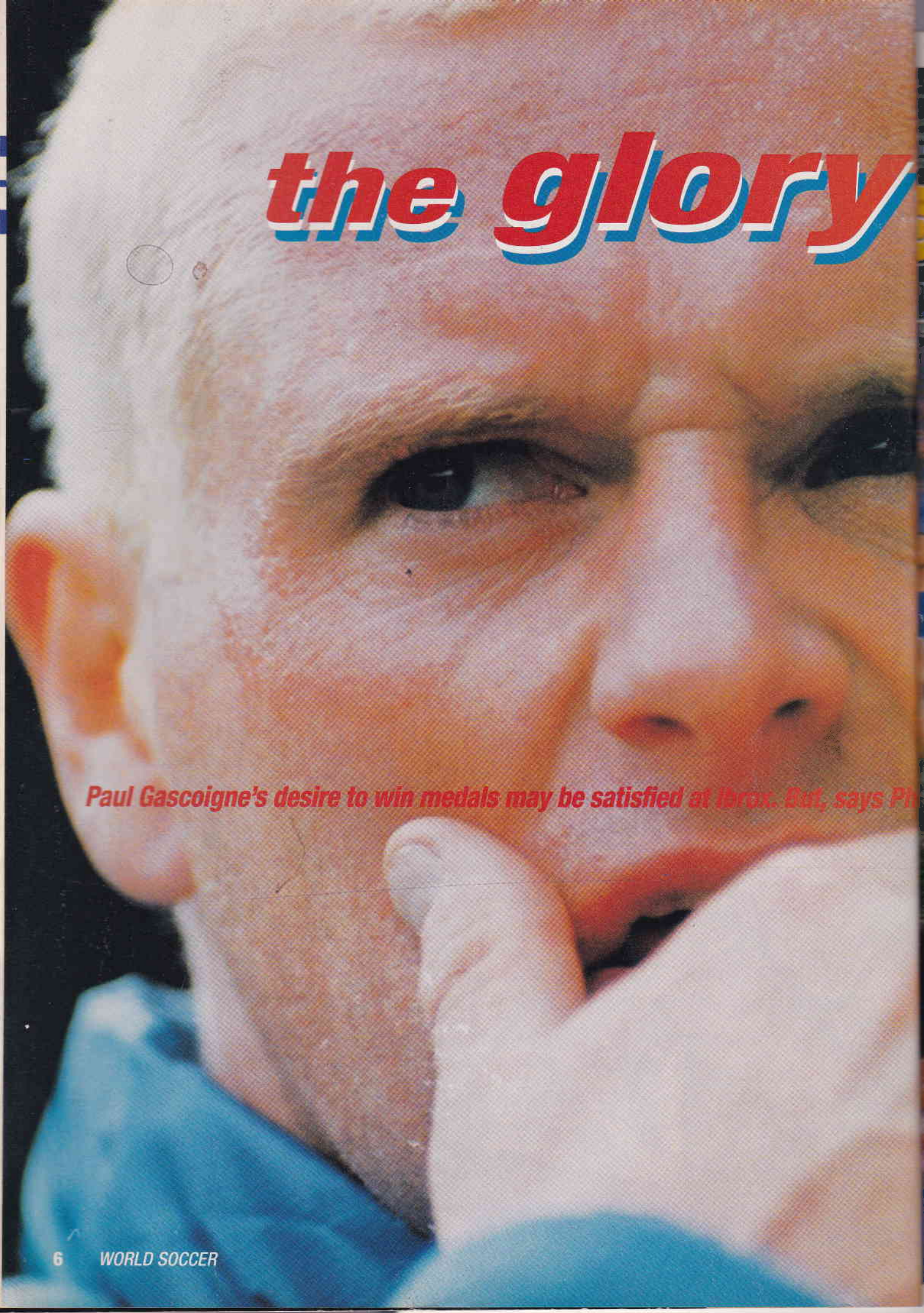

the glory

Paul Gascoigne's desire to win medals may be satisfied at Ibrox. But, says Ph

hunter

AT FIRST GLANCE, Scotland and Paul Gascoigne appear to be a perfect match. Both have big hearts and amazing self-confidence that borders on arrogance. Both have a tendency to self-destruct. And in soccer terms, both are massive under-achievers.

Now one has the chance to help the other, thanks to the £4.5million fee paid by Rangers to Lazio which ensured Gascoigne's move from Rome to Glasgow. We wait to see whether the controversial Englishman will be good for the Scottish game, or if he will drag it down.

Many fans were stunned when 28-year-old Gazza decided to make Glasgow his next destination instead of one of the English clubs who were keen to get him.

Walter Smith, manager of Rangers, had to be at his most persuasive during the talks. A salary reported to be £20,000 a week was an obvious lever, even though it was £10,000 down on the money Gascoigne made in Italy. The impressive set-up at Ibrox, a ground nearly every club must envy, also helped. So did the prospect of a mansion with a private fishing lake.

Smith was ahead of the others when it came to putting in the kind of offer Lazio would agree to. And he had a personal advantage because he and Gascoigne had met some years ago, when both were on holiday in Florida, and had struck up a friendship. But perhaps it was the prospect of earning some medals that was the most vital argument.

Although Gascoigne is no longer the young hope of English soccer, he is still keen on winning some gongs. His career total so far stands at one, with Tottenham in the 1991 FA Cup Final, and even then he did not fully earn it, having injured himself when making a horrendous tackle in the first half. The foul cost a free-kick from which Nottingham Forest scored, but Spurs – with Nayim an excellent substitute – recovered to win. Gascoigne has paid a heavy price for his foolishness, because the damage to his knee has dogged him ever since.

Rangers have been Scottish champions seven times in a row, and in the same period they have won the Scottish Cup twice and the League Cup four times. Further domestic success seems as certain as anything can be in football. And then there is the European stage, where Rangers have all too often disappointed their fans as well as themselves.

Liam Brady knows the sort of transition Gazza must make, having played with great success in England and then had seven good years in Italy, before stepping on the Glasgow managerial rollercoaster with Celtic.

While at Parkhead he brought the likes of Tony Cascarino, Gary Gillespie and Stuart Slater to the club, only for them to fail in the frenetic Scottish environment. "I was a great admirer of Paul when he was at Newcastle and then at Spurs," says Brady. "But he's had so many injuries over the years. It's hard to know what he's doing in Scotland. He may have played in a pressure cooker in Rome but he's going into another one in Glasgow. Rangers are just so big. Everybody connected with the club is public property, and the pressure can be enormous."

Gascoigne's scrapes with paparazzi, pressmen and punters have left a trail of headlines from the Tyne to the Tiber, and Brady fears that the same might happen on the Clyde. "Paul's a big personality and everything he does will attract attention," he says. "A lot of players have moved to Glasgow and not had problems – Trevor Steven is a good example – but you need to keep a low profile. I don't know if Paul can do that. He's got a wild streak."

'He's had so many injuries it is hard to see what he's doing in Scotland'

As for the playing side, Brady says that Gascoigne will not have the time to dwell on the ball that he had in Italy. "In Serie A, you get a lot of room in two-thirds of the pitch, but not in the vital last third. In Scotland the game's too fast."

Gascoigne has averaged only 14 League games a season in the last three years. "Terry Venables must feel the same, because he would not include him from the start in England's recent Umbro Cup games," says Brady.

Overall, though, he believes that Gazza will be a good thing for Scottish football. "Rangers have got a real world star, and if he is fully recovered and stays fit, he will not have many problems.

"Paul didn't do much in Italy, despite his enormous talent. Hopefully he'll turn out to be one of those players who can come from outside Scotland and cope with all the strain. He'll certainly love the Old Firm clashes. Big matches bring the best out of him."

Walter Smith is looking for some of those big games in Europe, and wants to repeat if not surpass the 1992-93 season, when Rangers just missed out on the Champions Cup Final. Since then there has been more of a continental flavour about the place, with Brian Laudrup and Basile Boli brought in to join Mark Hateley and Alexei Mikhailichenko. Laudrup and Hateley have been hits, the other two have not.

Rangers are very serious about the European title and Gascoigne is being thought of as the man who can take them a long way.

Perhaps even to the summit.

Gordon, question marks remain over whether he has made the right career move

SEASON BY SEASON: PAUL GASCOIGNE

	Club	Apps	Goals
1984-85	Newcastle	2	–
1985-86	Newcastle	31	9
1986-87	Newcastle	24	5
1987-88	Newcastle	35	7
1988-89	Tottenham	32	6
1989-90	Tottenham	34	6
1990-91	Tottenham	26	7
1991-92	Tottenham	–	–
1992-93	Lazio	22	4
1993-94	Lazio	17	2
1994-95	Lazio	4	–
1995-96	Rangers	?	?

'the future is femin

Jerry Trecker reports from Sweden, where FIFA's Sepp Blatter declared that football's future lies with the women's game

EVEN BEFORE Norway had won the second FIFA Women's World Championship, plans were under way to expand the event for 1999. FIFA general secretary Joseph Blatter even proclaimed: "The future of football will be feminine."

Heady stuff but hardly the impression one would have got if you had not attended the press conference on the day of the third place play-off in Gavle. Instead of kicking up a storm in Sweden, the second Women's World Cup often seemed more of an afterthought in a country where the long sunny days meant the opportunity to relax or head for the summer house.

Perhaps it was always wrong to expect that the 12-team tournament would be much more than a hiccup in the world's crowded soccer calendar. League football is in full swing during the Swedish summer. And the organisers avoided the large centres – except for Helsingborg and the Stockholm final – so there was a provincial feel about the whole affair.

But the final at Rasunda Stadium gave a big-time impression despite the drenching rain. The crowd of 17,158 thoroughly enjoyed an attacking display by the new champions, who put together what coach Even Pellerud called "six of their best matches ever" to win a title that escaped them four years ago in China.

Captain Gro Espeseth collected the trophy from FIFA president Joao Havelange after a game that accurately displayed Norwegian dominance of the tournament. They won all six matches, scoring 23 goals and conceding just one, to Denmark in the quarter-final when they already had a three-goal advantage.

The leading tournament scorer, Ann Kristin Aarones, was ably supported by Hege Riise and Kristin Sandberg. Gro Espeseth and Merete Myklebust excelled in defence while Bente Nordby produced the big saves when needed in the semi-final and final.

It was hard work for the players. Teams competed every other day in the first week and reached the semi-finals in 11 days, compared with almost a month in the men's World Cup. That and all the travelling between venues took its toll.

"All the coaches agreed that this was too demanding," said Pellerud, even as he acknowledged that the tight schedule may have worked to his physically fit side's advantage. Norway had won an unofficial crown in 1988, before FIFA sponsored a woman's championship, but the 2-1 defeat to the Americans in the China final obviously rankled.

"It has been a four-year struggle," Pellerud said, "but our players knew they had learned and improved and they approached the championship with confidence."

The Americans finished third after a tournament which went sour from the start. Michelle Akers, perhaps the best-known woman player in the world, was literally knocked out of the first game by a seventh-minute clash of heads with Yungjie Fan and never made a contribution to the US cause. Carin Jennings Gabarra, the outstanding player of the 1991 event, also was troubled by injury and failed to score.

Young American . . . the USA's Gabarra takes on China

The surprises of the event included Brazil, who upset Sweden's opening night, plus the performances of quarter-finalists Japan and England.

Sweden were eliminated on penalties by China in the quarter-final and the chance of large semi-final and final crowds went with them.

The overall level of play was markedly higher than in 1991, a point which Blatter seized on in announcing the expansion of the field from 12 to 16 teams for 1999.

"They play with elegance, an attacking flair and the spirit of the game which we want to see," Blatter said. "They behave well before, during and after a match. When you see a woman player carried off it is because she is really hurt. There was not the cheating or diving for penalties."

Blatter also praised the work of the women referees. "These women have to be better than the men because the critics have not allowed them a single mistake," he said. There were inexperienced officials of both sexes but the great successes included the Swede, Ingrid Jonsson, who handled the final, and Luxembourg's Alain Hamer.

The USA clearly lacked the depth of young players to support the 1991 veterans and will face as much of a challenge to remain at the top as the men's national team. This tournament exposed the women's college game as well below international standard.

The reward for an all-European final and the presence of all five European teams in the quarter-finals will be six qualifying places for 1999. Asia and Africa were each given an additional spot, while CONMEBOL and CONCACAF get a half each, to be decided by a play-off between regional runners-up.

Australia were the only pointless team in the tournament, but Oceania keeps its spot.

The 1999 event will go to either Chile or America because FIFA has awarded New Zealand the Under-17 World Cup in the same year and they are unlikely to allow two major events in the same geographic region in the same year.

"In the early part of the 21st century you will see the number of women equal the number of men playing football," Blatter said.

If the Atlanta Olympics, where women's football will be seen for the first time, provide the expected boost, then look for East Europe to join Western Europe as a stronghold of the game before long. By then, women's football could look a great deal like the men's game.

World-beaters . . . Norway with the Cup

1995 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Group A

June 5 = Karlstad
GERMANY 1 (Neid 23)
JAPAN 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** P Mathabela (SA). **Att:** 3,478.

June 5 = Helsingborg
SWEDEN 0
BRAZIL 1 (Roseli 38)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** S Denoncourt (Can). **Att:** 14,500.

June 7 = Helsingborg
SWEDEN 3 (Andersson 71 pen, 93, Sundhage 85)
GERMANY 2 (Wiegmann 10 pen, Lohn 45)
HT: 0-2. **Ref:** L Black (NZ). **Att:** 5,848.

June 7 = Karlstad
BRAZIL 1 (Pretinha 8)
JAPAN 2 (Noda 13, 45)
HT: 1-2. **Ref:** C Hepburn (US). **Att:** 2,286.

June 9 = Vasteras
SWEDEN 2 (Videkull 65, Andelen 82)
JAPAN 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** P Mathabela (SA). **Att:** 7,811.

June 9 = Karlstad
GERMANY 6 (Prinz 5, Meinert 22, Wiegmann 41 pen, Mohr 78, 89, Bernhard 90)
BRAZIL 1 (Roseli 19)
HT: 3-1. **Ref:** A Hamer (Lux). **Att:** 3,203.

Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	3	2	0	1	9	4	6
Sweden	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Japan	3	1	0	2	3	8	3
Brazil	3	1	0	2	3	8	3

Group B

June 6 = Karlstad
NORWAY 8 (Sandberg 30, 45, 83, Riise 49, Aarones 60, 90, Medalen 67, Svensson 76 pen)
NIGERIA 0
HT: 2-0. **Ref:** A Hamer (Lux). **Att:** 4,344.

June 6 = Helsingborg
ENGLAND 3 (Coultard 55 pen, 86, Spacey 78 pen)
CANADA 2 (Stoumbos 88, Donnelly 90)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** E Oedland (Swe). **Att:** 654.

June 8 = Karlstad
NORWAY 2 (Haugen 7, Riise 37)
ENGLAND 0
HT: 2-0. **Ref:** E Gamboa (Chile). **Att:** 5,520.

June 8 = Helsingborg –
CANADA 3 (Burtini 13, 55, Donnelly 22)
NIGERIA 3 (Nwadike 26, Aure 60, Okoroator 76)
HT: 2-1. **Ref:** P Um-Prasert (Thai). **Att:** 322.

June 10 = Karlstad
ENGLAND 3 (Farley 10, 36, Walker 25)
NIGERIA 2 (Okoroafor 13, Nwadike 74)
HT: 3-1. **Ref:** I Jonsson (Swe). **Att:** 1,800.

June 10 = Gavle
NORWAY 7 (Aarones 4, 21, 90, Riise 12, Pettersen 71, 88, Leinari 84)
CANADA 0
HT: 3-0. **Ref:** M E Sequeira (Bra). **Att:** 2,751.

Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	3	3	0	0	17	0	9
England	3	2	0	1	6	6	6
Canada	3	0	1	2	5	12	1
Nigeria	3	0	1	2	5	14	1

Group C

June 6 = Vasteras
DENMARK 5 (Krogh 13, 49, Nielsen 27, Jensen 39, Hansen 87)
AUSTRALIA 0
HT: 3-0. **Ref:** B Skogvang (Nor). **Att:** 1,500.

June 6 = Gavle
UNITED STATES 3 (Venturini 23, Milbrett 35, Hamm 51)
CHINA 3 (Wang Li-Ping 41, Hai-Ying Wei 74, Wen Sun 78)
HT: 2-1. **Ref:** I Jonsson (Swe). **Att:** 4,635.

June 8 = Vasteras
CHINA 4 (Yang Zhou 23, Guihong Shi 54, 76, Ailing Liu 90)
AUSTRALIA 2 (Ianotta 24, Hughes 87)
HT: 1-1. **Ref:** M E Siqueira (Bra). **Att:** 1,602.

June 8 = Gavle
UNITED STATES 2 (Lilly 9, Milbrett 49)
DENMARK 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** M Camara (Gui). **Att:** 2,704.

June 10 = Helsingborg
UNITED STATES 4 (Foudy 63, Fawcett 71, Overbeck 88 pen, Keller 90)
AUSTRALIA 1 (Casagrande 55)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** P Um-Prasert (Thai). **Att:** 1,105.

June 10 = Vasteras
CHINA 3 (Guihong Shi 21, Wen Sun 76, Hai-ying Wei 90)
DENMARK 1 (Bonde 44)
HT: 1-1. **Ref:** E Gamboa (Chile). **Att:** 1,600.

Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
United States	3	2	1	0	9	4	7
China	3	2	1	0	10	6	7
Denmark	3	1	0	2	6	5	3
Australia	3	0	0	3	3	13	0

Quarter-finals

June 13 = Helsingborg
SWEDEN 1 (Kalte 90)
CHINA 1 (Qingmei Sun 30)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** S Denoncourt (Can). **Att:** 7,937.
China won 4-3 on pens

June 13 = Vasteras
NORWAY 3 (Espeseth 21, Medalen 62, Riise 84)
DENMARK 1 (Krogh 85)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** P Um-Prasert (Thai). **Att:** 4,655.

June 13 = Karlstad
GERMANY 3 (Voss 40, Meinert 54, Mohr 81)
ENGLAND 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** B Skogvang (Nor). **Att:** 2,317.

June 13 = Gavle
UNITED STATES 4 (Lilly 9, 43, Milbrett 45, Venturini 78)
JAPAN 0
HT: 3-0. **Ref:** E Gamboa (Chile). **Att:** 3,573.

Semi-finals

June 15 = Vasteras
NORWAY 1 (Aarones 12)
UNITED STATES 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** A Hamer (Lux). **Att:** 2,893.

June 15 = Helsingborg
GERMANY 1 (Wiegmann 78)
CHINA 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** P Mathabela (SA). **Att:** 3,629.

Third Place Play-off

June 17 = Gavle
UNITED STATES 2 (Venturini 24, Hamm 55)
CHINA 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** S Denoncourt (Can). **Att:** 4,335.

Final

June 18 = Solna
NORWAY 2 (Riise 37, Pettersen 40)
GERMANY 0
HT: 2-0. **Ref:** I Jonsson (Swe). **Att:** 17,158.

Norway: Nordby – Svensson, Espeseth, A N Andersen, N N Andersen, Riise, Haugen, Medalen, Aarones, Myklebust, Pettersen.
Germany: Goller – Bernhard, Austermühler, Pholmann (Wunderlich 75), Lohn, Meinert (Smisek 87), Voss

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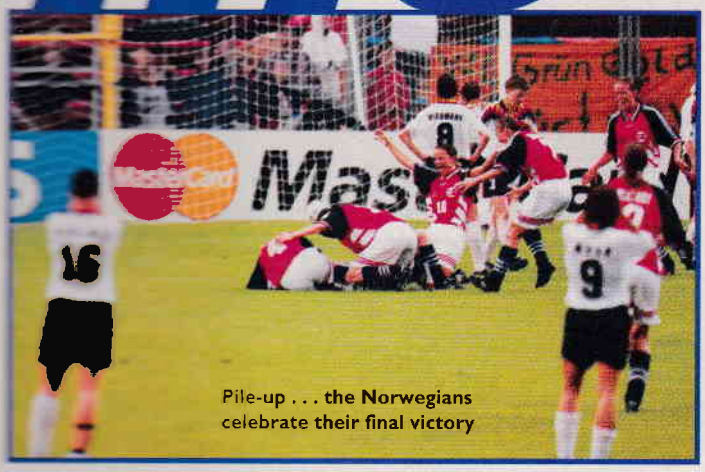

Pile-up . . . the Norwegians celebrate their final victory

TEAM BY TEAM

AUSTRALIA Didn't win a match, but made both China and the USA work hard for their victories. There is the basis for quick growth because the Olympics go to Sydney in 2000.

BRAZIL Upset Sweden but could not build on the achievement. Need more depth to achieve anything in Atlanta.

CANADA The tournament was nothing short of a disaster for a country that badly needed to qualify for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

CHINA Lacked the stamina to survive a rugged travel schedule. Had one of the top players in Yungjie Fan.

DENMARK The opening 5-0 rout of Australia was followed by three straight defeats. At least the Olympic qualifying goal was achieved.

ENGLAND Two penalties helped them to a crucial victory over Canada and a quarter-final slot. Defeats by Norway and Germany were not unexpected but the English women's game is in good health.

GERMANY The best balanced team in the tournament but lacking in finishing flair on the final night.

JAPAN Happy to qualify for the Olympics and never outclassed. They have made great strides in four years.

NORWAY Achieved their best against USA in the semi-final and made no mistake in a dominant final performance. Clear superiority in the first round was translated into a confident march to a deserved championship.

NIGERIA Getting a point off Canada was a major achievement. Could not compete with Norway.

SWEDEN Hard-luck losers to China on penalties but it was always a struggle for a team too slow to pounce on opportunities.

USA Loss of Akers crippled the attack and forced Hamm and Lilly to do too much work. The Americans tired badly and lack of depth was exposed.

DAY BY DAY

SILVIA NEID of Germany had the distinction of scoring the tournament's first goal after 23 minutes against Japan in Karlstad.

This proved to be the only goal of the game, and there was another 1-0 result in the second match, with Brazil surprisingly beating Sweden in Helsingborg thanks to Roseli's 38th-minute shot.

On the following day, the Americans led 2-0 and 3-1 against China, but were pulled back to 3-3. That was bad enough: the injury to Michelle Akers was worse. Meanwhile, Denmark put five past the Australians, who had Sonia Gegenhuber sent off after half an hour, and Norway missed an early penalty but still thrashed Nigeria 8-0.

The fourth match of the day upset the Canadians, who conceded two penalties in losing 3-2 to England. "It was bad luck for us that the referee didn't realise diving is an important part of the game," said disgruntled coach Sylvie Beliveau.

There were two more penalties in a match next day, one to each side, as Sweden edged out the Germans 3-2 in injury time, Malin Andersson scoring a spectacular winner.

Japan's captain, Akemi Noda, headed both goals as her team beat Brazil 2-1. On the same evening, China scored three times after the break to beat the Aussies 4-2.

The Americans controlled the match against Denmark with surprising ease and won 2-0 despite the late dismissal of goalkeeper Scurry.

Norway also were in charge on the same day, winning 2-0 against England, who managed only two shots.

There was a much more thrilling affair in Helsingborg, where the Nigerians, 3-1 down, recovered to draw with Canada.

Sweden made sure of a place in the next stage by beating Japan 2-0, and Germany did the same with a thumping 6-1 defeat of Brazil.

The final matches in Group C meant that the US had to achieve a bigger win than China to finish top and avoid the Swedes in the quarter-final. They duly did so, scoring twice in the last four minutes to beat Australia 4-1.

Norway hit Canada for seven to finish their group with full points and 17 goals, followed by England, who again almost let the game slip but eventually beat Nigeria 3-2.

Germany, however, were much too good for Ted Copeland's squad in the quarter-final, winning 3-0 to join Norway (3-1 winners against Denmark), the Americans, who beat Japan 4-0, and China, winners on penalties after Sweden had gained a 1-1 draw with a goal in injury time.

So the semi-finals were Norway-US and Germany-China, both decided by a single goal.

The US gambled on a far-from-fit Akers,who rarely looked dangerous. Ann Kristin Aarones headed in after 12 minutes for Norway, who were untroubled despite having Hedi Store sent off with 15 minutes to go.

The Chinese went close to causing an upset, but tired in the second half and Bettina Wiegmann snatched the winner 12 minutes from the finish.

After the Americans had won the third-place match 2-0, that score was repeated in the final by Norway.

Hega Riise scored the first goal, and Marianne Pettersen doubled the margin after the ball had stuck on a rain-soaked goal-line.

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Here is Europe's Top Team for season 1994-95, as selected by a panel of Editors of the member publications of ESM (European Sports Magazines), of which WORLD SOCCER is the British associate. ESM also comprises A Bola (Portugal), Don Balon (Spain), Kicker (Germany), Onze Mondial (France), Voetbal International (Holland), Sport (Switzerland), La Gazzetta dello Sport (Italy) and Foot (Belgium). Each month in the coming season, we will be publishing the new ESM Team of the Month.

Commentary

Keir Radnedge

Start making sense

THE UEFA-Intertoto Cup is teetering dangerously on the lunatic fringe of the game.

Long-standing readers will know the Intertoto has been running for 34 years to service the summer pools needs of central Europe.

Its inclusion in the UEFA competitive orbit to help fill up the expanded UEFA Cup was reasonable enough, though that has come at a time when the number of countries who run their championships from spring to autumn – and are thus in full season in the summer – is being reduced.

There are those within UEFA who believe the implementation of the Intertoto has been badly mishandled. Of course, they dare not say so. But the longer the competition continues the more anomalies are revealed.

For instance, UEFA has complained about the decision of English entrants Tottenham, Wimbledon and Sheffield Wednesday to field under-strength teams. Knowledge of such stratagems, apparently, helped syndicates in Denmark to profit heavily on results in the first round of matches.

But, which mainstream clubs have ever fielded full-strength sides in the Intertoto? Certainly not the Germans, whose teams have been contesting the groups for years.

So much for that one.

Next, the nonsense of perpetuating the three-foreigners regulation. Tottenham, most hilariously, had to sign three near-veterans on free transfers because they could not field their youth side, as intended, because it contained too many foreigners . . . i.e. Scottish, Welsh and Irish players.

I think the foreigners restriction in mainstream competition can be properly defended and justified. But UEFA, in this era of international experimentation, could easily have relaxed the foreigner restrictions. It might have gained a few better, stronger team line-ups as a result.

Third, the nonsense through which several clubs have been barred from fielding new signings because they were cup-tied through having appeared in European competition for their old clubs in this past season, 1994-95. Nonsense? Exactly.

If this UEFA Intertoto Cup is a qualifying entity for the 1995-96 UEFA Cup then nobody should be ineligible. The last European club season ended when Ajax defeated Milan in the Champions Final in Vienna.

I still believe the Intertoto expansion to be a valid and intriguing experiment. But a lot of anomalies need to be addressed – urgently.

Lies, damn lies and transfer speculation

BRINGING the game into disrepute is the familiar catch-all phrase of a charge levied against any player or official who has been naughty.

But which damages the game more – the big one-off bung or match-fix scandal or the drip, drip, drip of obfuscating words offered by those who know better?

For example, take the case of Alan Ball's departure from Southampton to take over at Manchester City. According to Saints chairman Guy Askham, Ball has walked out on The Dell. However, according to Ball, he had been hugely surprised that Saints gave him permission to talk to City and felt he was thus being given the all-clear to head back north.

Someone, somewhere, is being economical with the truth.

Then, consider Paul Ince's departure for Internazionale. According to the England midfielder, he was shocked to discover that United were prepared to sell him. He had expected nothing more than to spend the rest of his playing days at Old Trafford.

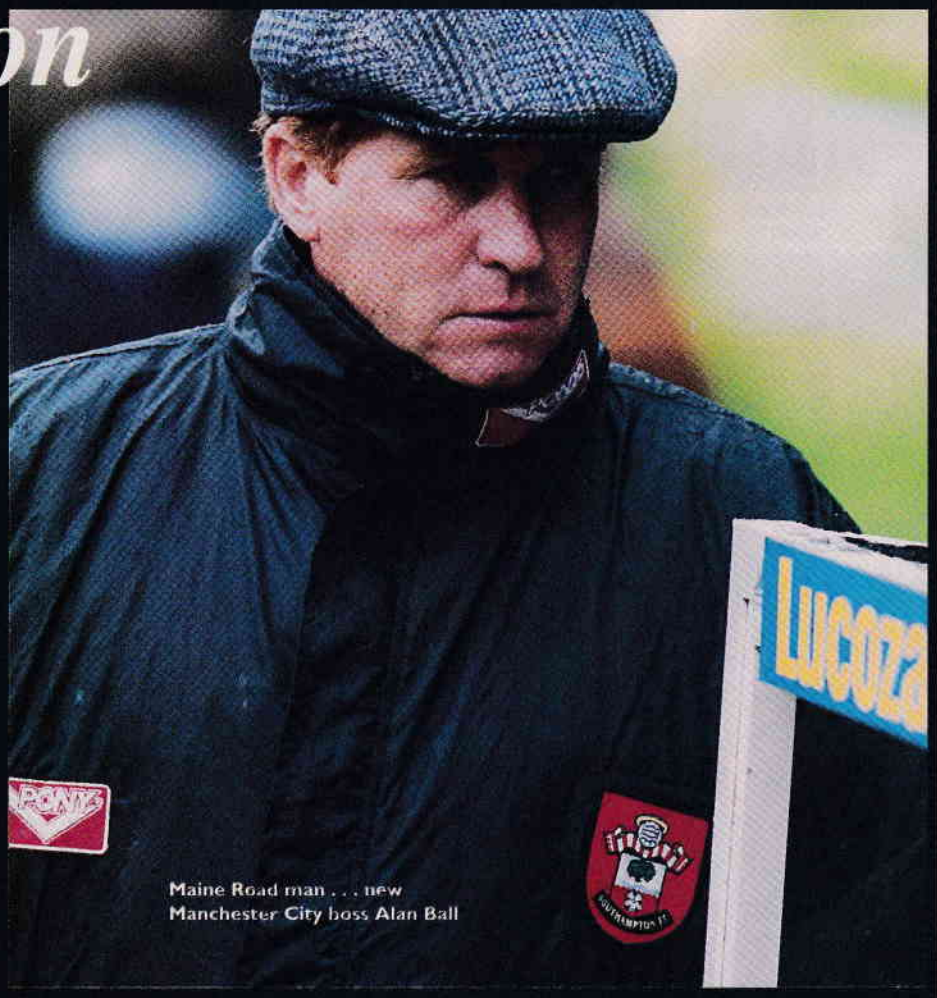
Now, listen to manager Alex Ferguson: "Paul was saying in the dressing room after the Cup Final against Everton that it had been his last game for United. He had already made up his mind."

More economy. Not only in England, either.

Listen to Umberto Agnelli, president of Juventus, on the day Roberto Baggio flew back to Italy from a duck-shooting holiday in Argentina with his future – to all public intents and purposes – still up in the air.

That very day Agnelli said: "Baggio has known for two months that he was going to Milan. The negotiations had been under way for quite some time. As for the manoeuvres, the denials and the counter-claims, well, that's just part and parcel of football."

So, what conclusions may we draw? Perhaps, that the daily diet of lies and half-truths do more harm to the game than the occasional scandal.



Maine Road man . . . new Manchester City boss Alan Ball

Open-door policy

CONSIGN to the history books the match 'behind closed doors'. UEFA has scrapped that particular punishment.

The reason is a legal one: the punishment was meant to be draconian and involved a bar on television transmissions, but that cut directly across clubs' TV contracts and made them liable for substantial damages and compensatory payments.

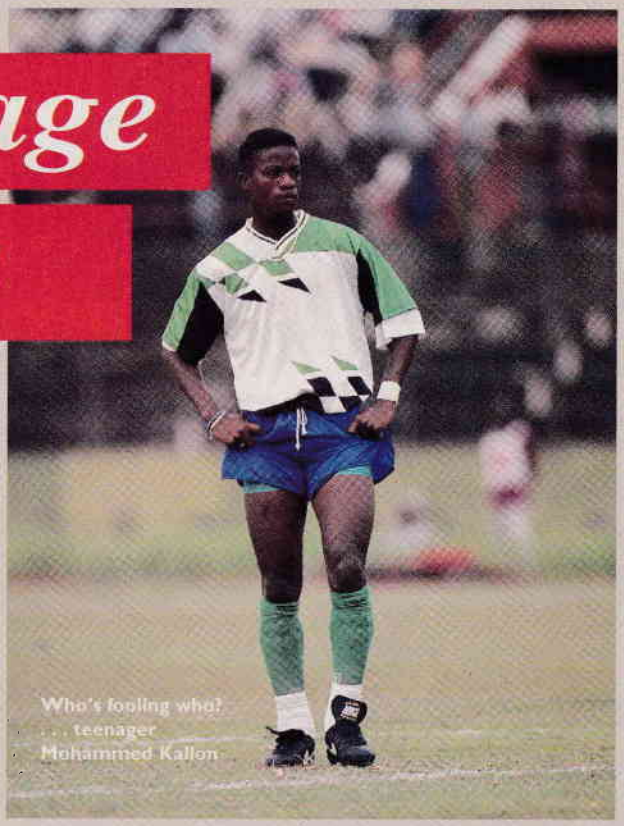
UEFA's punishments for competitive misdemeanours now range from a simple caution up via fines to home stadium bans, default result orders and exclusions.

The first closed-doors match was West Ham v Castilla of Spain in the Cup-winners Cup in 1980-81 after trouble blamed on English fans at the first match in Madrid. A further 11 such punishments were levied – eight in club competitions and three in other events. In 1988 the punishment was withdrawn from the statute book only to reintroduced in 1990-91.

It was employed three times last season, to punish Macedonia, Panathinaikos and Napoli.

Empty feeling . . . Macedonia play Belgium behind closed doors

Teenage tricks



Who's fooling who? . . . teenager Mohammed Kallon

MOHAMMED KALLON created a storm of interest when he scored for Sierra Leone against Congo back in April. He was – as we reported here – the youngest-ever international goalscorer at the age of 15 years six months and 15 days.

The story was greeted with delight in Africa. Another 'first' for the African game, another African superstar in the making perhaps. Good PR for African football.

The Asian football world was not, however, quite so sure. Was this not the same Mohammed Kallon who has been playing for Tadamon in Lebanon for the past two seasons and who was, according to their records, born on October 6, 1976? Thus he was not, perhaps, 15 when he scored his famous goal, but 18.

No record. No superstar. Bad news for Africa.

We checked it out. Same player, reported both our man in Lebanon and our man in Africa. So whose records are telling the truth? *WORLD SOCCER*'s Africa specialist, Mark Gleeson, tells me: "I know the birthdates of all the Sierra Leone players because I actually checked all their passports at that very game against Congo in Brazzaville. Kallon's passport was quite precise with a birthdate of October 6, 1979. Perhaps the year got changed by mistake when he had to apply to enter Lebanon . . ."

Yes, of course. That's probably it. But if, one day, he should appear in one of FIFA's age-limit world championships, it will be interesting to see which birthdate applies.

Problems in perspective

FOOTBALL is the world's No 1 sport. Far out ahead of anything else.

Football people are also among the world's most critical. And the game's administration and administrators are constantly vilified and criticised.

And yet, look at other sports and perhaps football is not so badly served.

Take rugby union, which has belatedly latched onto the idea or red and yellow cards to try to control some of the violent excesses which have long been covered up by the sport's code of dishonorable silence.

Take tennis, where officialdom appears afraid of disciplining some of the most wantonly offensive 'sportsmen' in the world.

Take athletics, where the stars pick and choose their events and then still squabble over the money.

Every sport has its problems. We don't deny there are plenty in football. But sometimes a little perspective is called for.

Full-time for Trevor

MANY THANKS to Trevor Brooking, who has been dealing patiently over the past years with your letters of comment, complaint and congratulation.

Trevor hangs up his *WORLD SOCCER* boots with this issue. From now on, the correspondence page is all mine! So keep the letters coming.

BY PADDY AGNEW

Bank busters

Player prices are soaring as summer spending threatens to get out of control. But somehow clubs keep finding the cash . . .

Big deals . . . Stoichkov to Parma, Weah to Milan

AUSTERITY? Financial crisis? In the wake of the combined £24.5million splashed out so far this summer by Milan, Internazionale and Parma for Roberto Baggio, Liberian George Weah, Englishman Paul Ince and Bulgarian Hristo Stoichkov, it is a bit difficult to believe that Italian soccer is on its last legs.

Milan (who again) pulled off the most-hyped purchase when finally landing Roberto Baggio *(left)*, just when it seemed that Italy's most famous footballer might have to mend fences with Juventus.

Baggio agreed terms with Milan in a deal which will earn him about £1.3million (after tax) per annum for three years. Purchase price is £8.6million, give or take a lire or two, a million less than Juventus paid Fiorentina for Baggio before the 1990 World Cup.

While Milan team director Ariedo Braida expressed the club's delight and while Juventus publicly thanked Baggio for his contribution to the club, the player himself offered a more honest assessment of the day when telling a friend: "This was one of the toughest days of my life and I'm exhausted. I've been medically examined, I've talked with this person and that. It's as if I'd played three games, one after another."

The 28-year-old Baggio's agreement thus ends one of the longest-running transfer sagas of the last year. After being injured last autumn he was more than adequately replaced by the talented Alessandro Del Piero and it became obvious that Juventus might be tempted to sell their star player.

Officially, Baggio left because he was unwilling to accept a reduction in salary (down to £800,000 annually), a reduction called for by the policy of relative austerity introduced this summer at Juventus. Baggio underlined this point when saying that given the brevity of a soccer player's career, he had to take into account the extra money offered by Milan.

We will return to the Baggio theme next month, but for the time being it is arguable that while Baggio's move to Milan has undoubtedly generated most publicity, the purchase of 29-year-old Bulgarian Hristo Stoichkov by Parma could prove much more significant on the pitch.

Stoichkov's move came as no surprise, because he has been at loggerheads with Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff for some while now. Nor did it take new club Parma long to understand just why the pair did not always see eye to eye at Barcelona. When Parma found that they could not obtain landing permission at Bulgaria's Varna airport for the private plane that was to bring Stoichkov to Parma for the official presentation to fans, Stoichkov lost his temper with the club and rang the airport himself, demanding that the permission be granted. Which it duly was.

Not only was the Bulgarian relatively cheap at £1.6million (annual after tax salary £600,000) but his immense talent, his sheer presence and determination could be just what Parma need to make the leap from bridesmaid to League champions.

His arrival at Parma means that the club will now have five foreigners – Colombian Faustino Asprilla, Swede Tomas Brolin, Argentinian Nestor Sensini and Portuguese Fernando Couto are the others. However, a Federation ruling in early June classifying both Sensini and Roma's Argentinian Abel Balbo as Italians (thanks to five years or more in Italian soccer) eases both Parma and Roma's lot.

Milan's purchase of Paris Saint-Germain's Liberian-born but naturalised Frenchman, George Weah, was perhaps the first big move on the 1995-96 Italian marketplace, with Milan paying the French club about £4.6million for the 28-year-old striker.

Milan made initial moves for Weah long before the two sides met in the Champions Cup semi-final in April and the impending negotiation appeared to inhibit the Liberian, particularily in the second leg at San Siro, where Weah displayed all the attacking bite of a dead sheep.

If he refinds the sort of form shown in early rounds of the Champions League, then Weah could well become the central 'target' man in attack that Milan have missed ever since Marco Van Basten's fragile ankles finally caved in, two-and-a-half years ago.

While Weah's role at Milan is obvious enough, it remains to be seen just what Inter coach Ottavio Bianchi will require of Paul Ince. His £6.6million move from Manchester United was not exactly without slip between cup and lip with he and his wife, Claire, appearing uncertain until the last minute.

The couple could not find the accommodation they wanted, suggesting that the whole deal might be dropped. Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson, however, told English reporters that Ince had been planning the move for some months and that on the day United lost the FA Cup Final to Everton, Ince had told United staff that this had been his last game for the club.

For the future, what matters more is an assessment of just how Ince will adapt to Italian soccer. His work rate and his appetite for the game are sure to please Bianchi but it remains to be seen just how he will fit in. The club may yet have been premature in offloading Uruguyan Ruben Sosa (unemployed at time of writing), but the same accusation cannot be made of Inter for their decision to sell their Dutchmen Wim Jonk and Dennis Bergkamp. Jonk had been Eindhoven-bound for some while but Inter's new owner, petrol millionaire Massimo Moratti, must have collapsed with disbelief when hearing that Arsenal were willing to pay £7.5million for Bergkamp, who had had two miserable seasons in Italy.

It could be, though, that Arsenal and British soccer will succeed where Inter and Italy failed, playing a faster and more attacking game better suited to Bergkamp. The same observation could be made, in the negative and reverse sense, about Ince, a player whose qualities may not necessarily shine in the technically demanding *'il campionato'*.

One deal that did not go through this summer was Lazio's proposed sale of star striker and captain Giuseppe Signori to Parma, for the not so austere figure of £10million. Lazio's owner, financier Sergio Cragnotti, reckoned that £10million was too good an offer to refuse, pointing out that the club were in the red by precisely that same figure.

Lazio fans were stunned and reaction was immediate. Their Rome headquarters and those of Cragnotti and Partners were stormed by more than 2,000 angry fans, who directed much verbal abuse, breaking shopwindows and smashing up cars along the way. Club president Dino Zoff (1982 World Cup winning captain and goalkeeper) emerged somewhat shamefaced late on that same Monday night to say that the deal was off and that Signori would stay with the Roman club. Fan power had won the day, Avanti Popolo.

The biggest question regarding Lazio now concerns Cragnotti. Will he stay? His first reaction to the Signori affair was to announce that he would sell the club as soon as possible. Finding a immediate buyer, however, has not proved easy. For the moment, the feeling is that time will heal wounds and Cragnotti will remain as Lazio boss.

Questions must also be asked about Lazio's team and UEFA prospects for next season. The blocked sale of Signori saw the club lose all interest in the transfer market, which means that Lazio will head into the new season with more or less the same team, relying heavily on the quartet of Croat Alen Boksic, Dutchman Aron Winter, Argentinian Jose Chamot and, of course, Signori.

Having offloaded Englishman Paul Gascoigne to Rangers, the only significant Lazio purchases to date have been the hardly earth-shattering deals for striker Gottardi (Neuchatel Xamax) and midfielders Massimiliano Esposito (Reggiana) and Marco Piovanelli (Brescia).

Many other Italian matters are currently outstanding. By the time you read this, Napoli may have finally avoided liquidation and worked out who actually owns the club, as well as counting numbers among the few experienced players they were not forced to sell in the meantime.

By the end of this summer's Copa America in Uruguay, several Italian clubs may have discovered and bought themselves new stars. Other transfers that were settled at the time of going to press were Kennet Andersson (Caen to Bari), Frenchman Christian Karembeu (Nantes to Sampdoria) and Ariel Ortega (River Plate to Vicenza).

The rich get richer

It has already been dubbed the 'Holy Alliance'.

A Milan spokeswoman confirmed that executives from the two clubs had met to discuss activities ranging from TV and worldwide marketing to the transfer of Roberto Baggio.

Plans under discussion also include playing overseas friendlies and tournaments together, agreeing not to poach players from each other and to share 'second-tier' sponsors.

It would seem that Juventus and Milan are convinced that they account for 55 per cent of all Italian soccer fans (rival clubs such as Internazionale and AS Roma have questioned this figure). They believe that by combining their huge resources they can obtain a better deal for themselves.

Inevitably, however, the key to the whole deal is television, with Milan and Juventus likely to join forces in looking for a larger share of Italian League and Cup television rights when a new contract is discussed between the Football Federation, state broadcaster *RAI* and Berlusconi's *Fininvest* stations next summer (1996).

IN keeping with the soccer-business times in which we live, the Italian League in July approved the principle of personalised team shirts.

In the new season, team players will line out with the same number all season and with their name on their shirt. In other words, next season we will see a player such as Milan's Franco Baresi line out in a number six shirt with the name 'BARESI' written across his shoulders eight centimetres high, as used by FIFA during the 1994 World Cup in the USA.

All aspects of the new ruling have not yet been defined but the League is currently considering the possibility of personalising a team shirt to the [American] extent that the Milan number six, for example, would always be Baresi. So when Baresi retires (presumably at the end of the 1995-96 season), Milan teams will line out without a number six. For this reason, the numbers may be extended beyond 22 and even go as far as 99.

CORRADO FERLAINO, the major shareholder in Napoli, has said that the club needs £16.6m to stay in business.

The building magnate, former president of the club, told fans they should be worried by more important things than the sale of players. Fans concerned at the possible move of Fabio Cannavaro to Parma for £4m were told by Ferlaino: "You should be worrying about saving Napoli. The club is going through difficult times."

EDMONDO FABBRI, who coached the Italian national team during the World Cup in England in 1966, has died, aged 73, in hospital near Bologna.

SPAIN

BY GRAHAM TURNER

It certainly won't go down as a red-letter season. In fact, most people are already trying to forget 1994-95 . . .

Soap but no lather

Euro saver . . . Jordi Cruyff's spectacular goal in Bilbao maintained Barcelona's ever-present record in Europe

ONE of the fascinating things about football is that it permits all sorts of interpolations about how well the winners performed and how badly the losers played, or were allowed to play.

An appraisal of the 1994-95 season in Spain kicks off with an examination of what Jorge Valdano's Real Madrid did right *(see page 18)* and continues with questions about where all the others went wrong.

Barcelona's Johan Cruyff, grudgingly surrendering the crown after a four-year reign, insists "Madrid were best of a poor bunch".

This certainly was not a red-letter season. Hindsight throws up images of a working-week campaign, with plenty of off-the-pitch soaps between Monday and Friday but little to get in a lather about at the weekend.

Most of those who started the season in the rudest of health, finished it on the couch, asking "Doctor, why have I been feeling out of sorts?"

There were, of course, parochial satisfactions. Zaragoza have rewritten the club's history book but, unfortunately for the title race, decided that winning the Cup-winners Cup was enough for one year. And Betis drove their supporters three parts of the way to paradise by finishing third.

Another newly-promoted side, Jose Antonio Camacho's Espanyol, might have qualified for Europe had they managed a goal against Real Sociedad in the last fixture.

Taking Betis up to the First Division and into Europe won Lorenzo Serra Ferrer many nominations as Manager of the Year, ahead of Valdano. Just as Ferrer did at Mallorca in the late 1980s, he has produced a compact, hard-working outfit with a system so good that Pedro Jaro, hardly the best in the land, has won the Zamora trophy awarded to the goalkeeper who has conceded the fewest goals.

The heroes have been workaholics such as balding defender Roberto Rios and Serbian midfielder Vlada Stosic, while 'star' signing, Polish international striker Wojciech Kowalczyk, started only 13 games.

Midfielder Angel Cuellar to emerged as the folk hero, with the Big Boys queuing up to sign him for next season. Barcelona seemed set to win the race, but at a price: £3.5million.

Betis are the sort of side who could suffer when victories are valued at three points next season. Indeed, had the system been in place this time, they would have finished below Barcelona and Zaragoza.

Athletic Bilbao, Valencia and Atletico Madrid are reflecting on the possibly untimely sackings of Javier Trureta, Carlos Alberto Parreira and Alfio Basile, while Sevilla, who finished strongly enough to clinch fifth place, have parted company with Luis Aragones and hired Portuguese coach Toni in his place.

Newly-promoted Compostela maintained their status by beating Tenerife 2-0 on the last day, amid rumours of tasty bonuses offered to the Canary Islanders by third parties, and thanks to Albacete's astonishing 8-2 home defeat by Deportivo. The reward for Compos manager Fernando Santos was a fax informing him he had been dismissed.

Deportivo, despite that late tilt at windmills in La Mancha, had virtually kissed adios to ambitions of being the bride rather than the bridesmaid during a mid-winter purple patch in reverse, when Arsenio Iglesias tendered his resignation.

He was given a hero's send-off by fans when he retired at the end of the season, and John Toshack will now pull up the curtain on a new era.

In other words, it was a season which made hardly anybody happy. Least of all Barcelona. Regular readers will be familiar with the aggro which has beset the club this season, but nobody expected them to suffer the ignominy of needing a point in Bilbao on the last day to maintain their record as ever-presents in the European competitions.

The arrogant attitude adopted at Nou Camp was even more disturbing. "Europe will be poorer without us," announced Johan Cruyff's assistant, Charly Rexach. President Josep Luis Nunez promptly travelled to Stockholm for a FIFA task Force 2000 meeting and suggested that Barcelona should be given a special invitation to "grace" the UEFA Cup.

In the event, Cruyff's side saved their bacon by grilling Bilbao. They were excellent value for their 2-0 win, and Jordi Cruyff's second-half goal was an exceptional combination of skill, pace and finishing. It was his ninth of the season and allowed him to finish as Barcelona's joint top scorer alongside Ronald Koeman and the tormented genius Hristo Stoichkov.

The fact that nobody in a side held up as an advertisement for attacking football was able to hit double figures is a damning indictment at the end of the most wretched campaign since Cruyff arrived in 1988.

Within days of the Bilbao game, Luis Figo, Gica Popescu and Meho Kodro were wheeled into the boardroom to be presented to the media and the £8.6million invested in that trio moved Nunez to complain: "We're throwing the house of the window." A case of no pane, no gain, insists Cruyff. He is adamant that what the club now need is not to sweep dust under a tatty carpet, but to lay a whole new one.

Four days after the end of the season, Stoichkov – whose contract included a release clause stipulating a fee of £7.5million – was put up for sale at £4.5million. He was not amused at being included among the knocked-down items in the summer sales.

The European Footballer of the Year demanded

Barca bound . . . Angel Cuellar is on the way to Nou Camp

that, as a sign of good faith, the contract which expires in 1996 should be extended until 1997, which Nunez, somewhat reluctantly, declined to do. He did not wish to be seen pushing him out of the door – especially so soon after the cut-price sale of Romario – but on the other hand he did not wish to be too gushing over a player who could turn out to be a rotten apple, time-bomb or whatever. Cruyff simply wanted him out. Which is where Parma stepped in *(see Italy, page 14)*.

In the meantime, I Belong to Glasgow was spectacularly failing to make the Spanish charts. Celtic had long since announced the £2.2million signing of Russian Dimitri Radchenko from Racing Santander when the striker went rushing in the other direction and joined Toshack's Deportivo for £1.9million.

Rangers had long since announced the arrival of Romanian striker Florin Raducioiu from Espanyol for a similar fee, but he adamantly refused to accept a florin from anyone. After two months of hearing him say "I stay here. Of Glasgow I know nothing," Espanyol finally accepted he was staying put.

Several moves, nonetheless, have gone through in the short time since the belated end of the Spanish season, some of them barely credible.

For example, Atletico Madrid's proposal that the former Liverpool striker Michael Robinson should abandon his TV and radio career to become assistant manager to the former Luton Town player, Raddy Antic, next season. More of all that later . . .

Grounds for satisfaction

With Logrones and Valladolid condemned to the drop, the clubs promoted from Division Two are Rayo Vallecano and Merida.

The former have become the lift attendants of Spanish football, forever chanting "going up" or "going down". Manager Paquito has resigned and the job has gone to former Osasuna boss Pedro Maria Zabalza.

Merida are the big surprise. Not only has the club never been in the first division, but they also are the first side from the whole of the Extremadura region to reach the top flight. Founded in 1912, they have spent 27 years in regional leagues and 30 buried among the regional groups of the Third Division.

The current president, Jose Fouto, takes much of the credit. When he took control, the club were only too comparable with the Roman ruins for which this city of barely 50,000 inhabitants is famous. Only 300 of them were season-ticket holders.

Fouto's second spell at the club began in 1987. In that season Merida made the promotion play-offs and failed to go up to Division 2B. A year later they succeeded. They also made Division 2A at the second attempt and after three years of consolidation in the top half of the table.

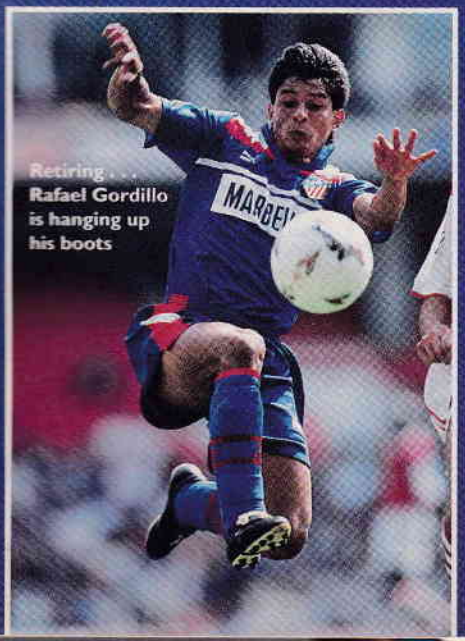
So Fouto, who is 41 and a coffee distributor, has the ultimate grounds for satisfaction.

He's one of those go-getters who prod everybody into action. His recruiting has been sensible – starting with the 48-year-old Croatian coach, Sergei Kresic – and his biggest gamble, paying Atletico Madrid £95,000 to take Paraguayan Miguel Angel Benitez on loan, paid off handsomely.

The little winger added extra spark and creativity to a solid side led by experienced campaigners such as Urbano (ex-Espanyol, Barcelona and Lleida) and skipper Jose Antonio Salguero, the former Real Madrid defender who has had an exceptional season at the age of 35.

Promotion has moved the local authority to more than double the capacity at the municipal stadium, so that some 18,000 will be able to watch the likes of Real Madrid and Barcelona next season.

● IN the play-offs, Salamanca beat Albacete 5-2 on aggregate to gain promotion to the top division, but Gijon keep their place after overcoming Lerida.



Retiring . . . Rafael Gordillo is hanging up his boots

Gordillo gallops off

LESS than a week after Emilio Butragueno bowed out of Spanish football with a goal and three assists in a testimonial against Roma, another living legend hung up his boots.

Rafael Gordillo, 38, actually contributed nine appearances (four as sub) to Betis's formidable campaign but decided to make season number 19 of his pro career the last.

The galloping left-back represented Betis from 1976 to 1985 and returned in 1992 after seven great seasons with Real Madrid. He was capped 75 times, and represented Spain in the 1982 and 1986 World Cup finals.

It's a washout!

THE RAIN in Spain fell mainly on the Cup Final as Deportivo La Coruna triumphed in the most bizarre circumstances to win their first major honour.

Nobody could have predicted that in Madrid on June 24 the proceedings would be abruptly ended by a tremendous hailstorm. For the first time in 93 years of Cup history, the final was abandoned.

Javier Manjarin had put Deportivo ahead in the 35th minute. But by half-time the rain had started to drench the capacity crowd in the Bernabeu stadium.

Sheets of water were already lying on the pitch and making ball-play nigh-impossible when the referee, Jose Maria Garcia Aranda awarded Valencia a free-kick just outside the Deportivo box. Their Serbian star 'Pedja' Mijatovic – otherwise disappointingly subdued – beat Francisco Liano low to his right.

Nine minutes later the cloudburst turned into a hailstorm and Garcia Aranda, slammed by Deportivo for ignoring a blatant penalty by Camarasa on Manjarin and then disallowing a valid goal by Fran, led the stampede towards the dressing-rooms. Minutes later, the water on the pitch was deep enough for the wind to whip it up into waves. King Juan Carlos and his diary were hurriedly consulted and it was agreed to play the remaining 10 minutes and 36 seconds of the match three days later.

Winning ways . . . Deportivo celebrate with the Cup

A staggering 65,000, including the King, returned to Madrid 72 hours later. They saw Alfredo Santaelena wrap up the game for Deportivo after just 58 seconds, the midfielder heading over the advancing Zubizaretta from Javier Manjarin's right-wing cross.

Nerves began to fray in the closing minutes as Valencia's Serbian striker Milhatovic went close to snatching an equaliser and defender Mendieta was sent off for a second bookable offence.

The victory was Deportivo's first major honour in their 91-year history and provided an emotional farewell for manager Arsenio Iglesias in his last match in charge. Deportivo now compete in the European Cup-winners Cup under new boss John Toshack, while Sevilla take the final UEFA Cup spot.

Question of Sport for the future: when did the Spanish Cup Final last four days . . . ?

the Real thing

In the end it was close – but not that close. After what seemed like an eternity suffering in the shadow of Barcelona, Real Madrid are champions of Spain for the 26th time. Graham Turner profiles Jorge Valdano's title-winning side

SATURDAY JUNE 3. Five minutes to go in the home game against second-placed Deportivo. Long ball from Amavisca to Zamorano. The Chilean chests it forward and lets fly with his right foot.

The ball deflects off Llanos's right hand and Zamorano brakes hard to watch anxiously as the ball nudges the far post and kisses the back of the net. In the scenes of mass hysteria, nobody minds him being booked for ripping off his shirt. Real have won 2-1 and regained the League title monopolised by Barcelona for the previous four years.

"When Bebeto equalised," said Argentinian coach Jorge Valdano afterwards, "I thought the devil had slipped into the stadium and was going to consign us to hell in the last minute."

That statement reflected the match-ball jitters and ghosts of the past which haunted Real during the run-in to the title. Despite taking only 16 points from the last 12 games, they hung on to the advantage gained during a sensational first half to the season.

The outcome was just about right. Real's form, which levelled off early in the New Year, injected some realism into the euphoria and told Valdano a few home truths about the future.

Whereas president Mendoza promised a "glorious" debut in the Champions League, Valdano stressed the need for a couple of top-class signings or, as he puts it, "reliance on the Youth Scheme. We have some excellent raw material, but transforming it into a European standard product could take three years."

He is aware that six squad members are the wrong side of 30, and has pushed Real towards a new era by bravely phasing out Emilio Butragueno and Rafael Martin Vazquez.

With Michel convalescing from a major operation, skipper Manolo Sanchis has been the only surviving member of the 'Quinta del Buitre', the Vulture Platoon which has dominated Real's game for over a decade.

The future beckons and *betes noires* such as Milan and PSG will be absent from the Champions League but Valdano insists he has "a good team but not a great one".

The title victory is a personal triumph for the Argentinian who, after 20 years in the country, now holds a Spanish passport.

Life off ... Real fans celebrate the title

'When Bebeto equalised, I thought the devil had slipped into the stadium and was going to consign us to hell in the last minute'
JORGE VALDANO

The squad

REAL MADRID CF
Founded: 1902
Stadium: Santiago Bernabeu (107,000 capacity)
Colours: All white
President: Ramon Mendoza
Honours: 26 Spanish League titles; 17 Spanish Cups; 1 Spanish League Cup; 3 Supercups; 6 European Champions Cup; 2 UEFA Cups; 1 World Club Cup.

He has had to cope with long-term injuries to key players, a no-holds-barred presidential election campaign which rocked the boat in mid-passage and a financial crisis which not only hindered recruitment but has also produced enough arrears in wage payments to become a potential source of discontent in the dressing room.

His success, he admits, has been to encourage the players to concentrate on playing football and enjoying it. Under previous regimes, his blackboard sessions haven't made excessive inroads on chalk supplies and, above all else, he has requested and obtained enough respect and solidarity within the dressing room to lay the foundations for team spirit on the pitch.

At the same time he has been bailed out by the people he suspected might let him down. 'Paco' Buyo – seemingly ripe for redundancy – saved many days with fine goalkeeping displays and the two players he invited to leave – Zamorano and Amavisca – ended up providing half the goals.

Michael Laudrup, however, lived up to expectations with some inspired, and inspiring, displays during the opening half of the campaign and helped to fill the Bernabeu stadium not only with bums on seats but also with a new air of enthusiasm, sadly lacking in the last few years.

The mood of expectancy has spread through the lower echelons of the club thanks to Valdano's willingness to 'blood' youth scheme products like Raul and, in the penultimate fixture, Rivera, a player from the Youth B side who was thrown on as sub against Celta, becoming at 17 years, three months and 25 days, Real's youngest-ever first-team debutant. His balance sheet reads: 32 minutes, one goal.

In terms of attitude, tactics and personnel, Valdano's first season has represented a significant break with the past. The future looks uncertain, but fascinating.

THE COACH
Jorge Alberto VALDANO Castellano (4.10.55) *(below)*
Born in Las Parejas (Argentina) but moved to Spain at 19 after two seasons with Newell's Old Boys. The lanky winger played for Alaves (1975-79), Zaragoza (1979-84) and

Real Madrid (1984-88), where he won three League titles, one Copa de la Liga and two UEFA Cups. Twenty two caps for Argentina included crucial displays in the 1986 World Cup. His managerial debut at Tenerife (1991-94) was marked by two home wins against Real which robbed his former club of the 1992 and 1993 titles. Real asked the poacher to turn gamekeeper last summer.

THE PLAYERS

Goalkeeper
Francisco BUYO (13.1.58)
Pensioned off dozens of times yet produced a sensational campaign which kept new signing Canizares on the bench until the very last game. Played his 500th game this season and reckons to see in the 21st century. 94/95 appearances: 37.

Defenders
Enrique Sanchez QUIQUE FLORES (2.2.65)
Attack-minded right-back signed from Valencia last summer. 15 caps for Spain. 94/95 appearances: 30 (1 goal).

Miguel Portlan CHENDO (12.10.61)
Started the eight games which Quique missed. Rounded off 11th season as a first-teamer with a left-footed screamer against Valladolid. 94/95 appearances: 10 (1 goal).

Manuel SANCHIS (23.5.65)
Twelve years in the first team and this was arguably the best. Played some sparkling football which was a credit to the skipper's armband. 94/95 appearances: 37 (1 goal).

Fernando HIERRO (23.3.68)
Another impeccable season for club and country (36 caps). Signed from Valladolid in 1989 and now the driving force through the centre of the side. Box-to-box worker, good in the air and a devastating finisher. 94/95 appearances: 33 (7 goals).

Rafael ALKORTA (16.9.68)
Started five games for Real and seven for Spain! Suffered from riches in midfield and the need to accommodate Hierro. 94/95 appearances: 9.

Mikel LASA (9.9.71)
And what a goal! A 50-metre lob to round off a 2-0 win over Sevilla. Signed from Real Sociedad in 1991, the Olympic gold-medallist gained in maturity during a convincing campaign. 94/95 appearances: 25 (1 goal).

Midfielders
Fernando REDONDO (6.6.69)
Valdano paid £2million to bring the Argentinian with him from Tenerife, but the World Cup star's season was punctuated by two long-term injuries. 94/95 appearances: 23 (1 goal).

Luis MILLA (12.3.66)
Controversially signed from Barcelona in 1990 and an impeccable stand-in for Redondo. Some maintain he was better. 94/95 appearances: 19.

Jose Miguel Gonzalez MICHEL (23.3.63)
Ever-present for over a decade; 66 caps for Spain; but out since November with cruciate ligament injury. 94/95 appearances: 13 (2 goals).

LUIS ENRIQUE Martinez (8.5.70)
Olympic gold-medallist who did an excellent job replacing Michel on the right. Seventeen Spanish caps, he paid the price for World Cup endeavour and finished the season at the end of his tether. 94/95 appearances: 35 (4 goals).

Michael LAUDRUP (15.6.64)
Five consecutive League titles for the Dane who controversially walked out on Cruyff last summer to join the enemy. "The best of all," he insists, "because, unlike Barcelona, we didn't need favours from anybody on the last day." Sensational start, but lost fitness and sparkle in the finishing straight. 94/95 appearances: 32 (4 goals).

Rafael MARTIN VAZQUEZ (25.9.69)
Five years after leaving Real for Torino, he now leaves for La Coruna. Struggled for a first-team place but shored up the side in the shaky run-in. 94/95 appearances: 31 (2 goals).

Jose Emilio AMAVISCA (19.6.71)
Signed from Valladolid last summer and told by Valdano he would be sent on loan. His outstanding endeavour on the left-wing have won him many critics' vote for Player of the Season. 94/95 appearances: 36 (10 goals).

Forwards
ALFONSO Perez (26.9.72)
Five full caps but champing at the bit after knee injury ruled him out of USA '94. 94/95 appearances: 17 (2 goals).

RAUL Gonzalez (27.6.77)
Could be a future great. Was given Butragueno's shirt last October and looks like keeping it. 94/95 appearances: 28 (9 goals).

Ivan ZAMORANO (18.1.67)
Informed by Valdano last summer that he was surplus to requirements. The Chilean promptly rolled up his sleeves and proved him wrong. Signed from Sevilla in 1992, his best season ended with the goal which clinched the title – and his place as League top scorer. 94/95 appearances: 37 (28 goals).

Also played in 1994-95:
Jose Santiago CANIZARES (7.1.72)
Goalkeeper. 1 appearance.
Alberto MARCOS (15.2.74)
Left-back. 3 appearances.
Fernando Munoz NANDO (30.10.67)
Centre-back. 1 appearance.
Carlos Sierra SANDRO (14.10.74)
Midfield. 13 appearances (11 as sub).
Peter DUBOVSKY (7.5.72)
Striker. 5 appearances (3 as sub) (1 goal)
Emilio BUTRAGUENO (22.7.63)
Striker. 8 appearances (all as sub) (1 goal)
Alberto RIVERA (13.2.78)
Striker. 1 appearance (as sub) (1 goal).

HOW THEY LINE UP

Germany

Snatch of the day

Borussia Dortmund turned to their young guns in a title race that went right to the wire. Arthur Rotmil reports on a popular success

BORUSSIA DORTMUND, Germany's most popular club outside Munich, deservedly won their first championship for 32 years. It was their fourth overall, but the first in the Bundesliga.

In a nerve-tingling finale Dortmund triumphed on the last day of the 34-match programme, beating Hamburg 2-0 at home. Werder Bremen, who had led by a point and a minimally superior goal difference, were beaten 3-1 at Bayern Munich.

Dortmund's team chief, Ottmar Hitzfeld, had claimed some weeks earlier: "Bremen are not a super side. I know how to clinch the championship." But he must have had reservations in view of the injury crisis which had sidelined his strikers.

"We were deprived for a long time of our three principal scorers," said Hitzfeld. "Stephane Chapuisat and Karlheinz Riedle suffered cruciate ligament damage and Flemming Povlsen's knee injury ended his career. I have been forced to field inexperienced youngsters. Ibrahim Tanko is 17 and Lars Ricken is just 18. That was a major handicap."

Even so, Dortmund did it, with club president Dr Gerd Niebaum proclaiming: "Winning the title with these rookies is sensational."

Fans celebrated the triumph over two nights and days. The giant local breweries dispensed free beer to the thousands thronging the streets and main square chanting for the players, who will collect a bonus of nearly £20,000. Hitzfeld will get £33,000.

The coach was visibly moved by the reception and said: "After two championship wins in Switzerland (with Grasshopper in 1990 and 1991) this is my first title in Germany. I find it unbelievable what this means to the club and the city. Clearly this is the biggest festival here since the last championship win in 1963."

Ecstasy . . . Dortmund players celebrate their championship win

Agony . . . Werder's Mario Basler (left) is consoled by Mehmet Scholl of Bayern

Borussia were the first German club to win a European trophy – the Cup-winners Cup in 1966 – and will now represent Germany in the lucrative Champions League, for which they are seeded. The squad will remain intact but signings are planned to increase the strength.

Werder's team manager, Otto Rehhagel, was torn emotionally on that decisive final day of the season. He wanted to leave Bremen as champions but ironically his new club thwarted his ambitions: he took over at Bayern on July 1.

In 14 years with Werder, Rehhagel propelled the green-and-whites to national and international fame. Now the new manager, Dutchman Aad de Mos, is hoping to continue the good work. He has snapped up Argentinian striker Rodolfo Cardoso from Freiburg and the Brazilian Junior Baiano from Sao Paulo.

Bayern Munich look back on a disappointing season in which they were hit by injuries to key players and handicapped by the fact that Italian team manager Giovanni Trapattoni did not speak German.

Under Rehhagel the Bavarians have embarked on a radical team rebuilding programme, investing millions in new players: Jurgen Klinsmann, Thomas Strunz, the Swiss Ciriaco Sforza and the Austrian Andi Herzog. Captain Lothar Matthaus, keeper Oliver Kahn, stopper Oliver Kreuzer and French forward Jean-Pierre Papin are all recovering from injuries, so a new-look Bayern side should challenge for honours next season.

The club offloaded midfielder Markus Schupp and Swiss World Cup player Alain Sutter, who did not fit into the scheme of things.

The relegated teams were Dynamo Dresden, the 10th club to be deprived of a professional licence because of financial shortages, Duisburg and Bochum. One replacement comes from the former East Germany – Hansa Rostock, Second Division champions. They joined the Bundesliga in 1991, but were relegated after one season.

● BORUSSIA MONCHENGLADBACH triumph in the Cup Final, 3-0 over VfL Wolfsburg, with goals from Stefan Effenberg, Martin Dahlin and Heiko Herrlich, allowed Bayern Munich to claim the remaining UEFA Cup place.

● HEIKO HERRLICH is suing Monchengladbach in a bid to be released from his contract so that he can join champions Dortmund, who are reported to have made an offer for him.

Switzerland

Hoppers on a high

GRASSHOPPER CLUB of Zurich duly won their 23rd League title, a triumph of teamwork and collective spirit.

The blue-and-whites dominated the National Liga A from start to finish.

The Hoppers proved particularly strong at home, winning 15 of the first 17 matches, but whether they can become the first Swiss club to reach the Champions League is another matter.

The team, including eight internationals, attack on the flanks with full-backs and raiding wingers. The defence is well organised and the 4-4-2 system is flexible and suits the players. They are a good mixture of young and old but are perhaps not mature enough as a team to succeed in Europe just yet.

Sion won the Cup for the seventh time in their seventh final, this time beating Grasshopper, the holders, 4-1. A crowd of 30,500 in a sold-out Wankdorf Stadium in Bern saw one of the best finals in recent years.

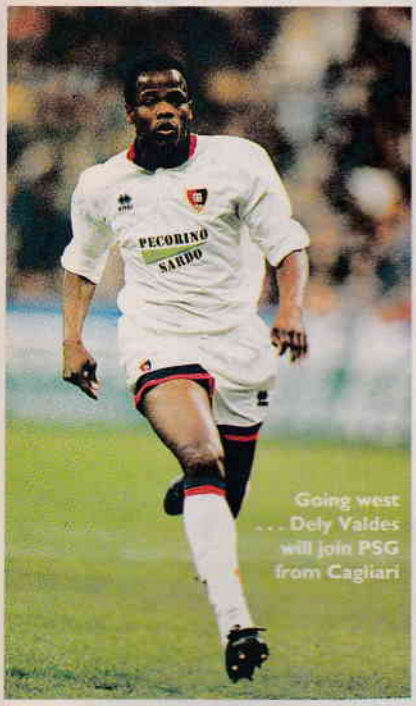
Sion's new team manager is Michel Descastel, who has replaced Jean-Claude Richard, victim of a feud with the board. Rolf Fringer, born in Switzerland but an Austrian citizen, is leaving Aaraus to take over Germany's VfB Stuttgart.

The Footballer of the Year award went to Grasshopper's Nestor Subiat, chosen by managers and players from the eight championship pool clubs.

ARTHUR ROTMIL

France

Problems for Papin and PSG



Going west . . . Dely Valdes will join PSG from Cagliari

SO: Nantes are in the Champions Cup, Paris Saint-Germain must be content with the Cup-winners Cup.

Their enraged supporters are not at all content. The veteran Nantes manager, Jean-Claude Suaudeau, has been a much happier man than his much younger rival, Luis Fernandez, of PSG.

At time of writing, it's hard to know who is on the move, who will stay, who will arrive, though the whole world of football is all too well aware that George Weah is off to Milan, while PSG have signed a replacement from Italy, Calgliari's Panamanian striker Julio Dely Valdes.

Jean-Pierre Papin, a Milan striker until a couple of seasons ago, is pessimistic about Weah's future in Italy. "Frankly I don't see him asserting himself down there. At Barcelona he would have done terrible damage. But still it's a good challenge for him."

And what of Papin himself, after all those disappointments in Italy and Germany? It came as a surprise when Franz Beckenbauer at Bayern Munich suddenly announced that Papin, who had been expected to leave, would be staying on another year.

Papin has gone as far as to say that he doesn't know whether he will play football again. His doctors have reassured him that he could and would, but a pessimistic Papin puts his chances as no better than even.

After the operation last season on his left knee, he explains, decalcification took place which held back healing for two or three months. He now has been given the green light for various kinds of training, including swimming. But he must, he says, build up stronger thighs if he hopes to return.

If he sounds glum, he says, it is because he has had a season which has been "blacker than black".

He will be 32 soon and, if the knee does not heal, he says he would rather give up, so that at least in future years he will be able "to live a normal life".

He will know soon whether at least it is worth going on. He would like to play for France in next year's European Championship in England. Provided of course that we get there. But the 1998 World Cup may be a bridge too far.

As for Luis Fernandez, you might say he emerged from PSG's turbulent end of season bloodied but unbowed. Not only did his team flop in the Champions Cup. They also, despite squeezing successfully through the two French finals, fell away shockingly in the League.

Going up . . . Barthez has joined Monaco

Modest Rennes beat them 4-0, Bordeaux 3-0 and their fans found these results almost as hard to forgive as the failure against Milan. After all, PSG could well have won the first leg.

At the drawn game against Le Havre at Parc des Princes, bringing down the curtain on such a disappointing season, the fans did not spare their wrath. And, alarmingly, it was not just the racist, neo-Fascists who have plagued the club for so long.

WEAH, WE DON'T NEED YOU was just about the least offensive of the panopoly of vitriolic posters which ringed the stadium. THANK YOU LUIS AND AU REVOIR said another.

After the game, PSG lodged official complaints under French legislation against those trying to whip up race hatred. Michel Denisot, the club president-delegate, said he could abide the straight-forwardly critical banners but the racist ones were giving Paris a bad name.

"Three banners aren't going to change the way the club works, but we are going to review our relations with the supporters' clubs," he said.

Fernandez, with Weah away and Ginola heading for Newcastle, has been looking hard for new players. He would love to have had Patrice Loko, who had such a dynamic season in the Nantes attack.

Things may have changed by the time you read this, but Suaudeau was hoping to persuade Loko and certain other itchy-footed players to stay with Nantes, who, after all, will contest the Champions Cup. He was unable to hold on to Christian Karembeu, though: he has joined Sampdoria in Italy. Loko also refused to join the champions' pre-season training camp in Switzerland and looked set to depart.

Fernandez puts PSG's disappointments down in part to the number of players out of sorts at the start of the season. "Ricardo was injured, Rai was finding his form. Valdo had lost it. Ginola was suffering from strained thigh muscles and we had to recharge Weah. And then after the defeat by Nantes, my players abdicated. This said, with Ricardo in top form, we would be champions."

Well, maybe. Dely Valdes may have arrived from Calgiari and Youri Djorkaeff seemed set to join from Monaco. But Ricardo and Valdo have since departed for Benfica for a combined fee of £1.2million.

Other interesting moves included Marseille goalkeeper Fabien Barthez (to Monaco), Stephane Ziani (Bastia to Rennes) and Jean-Jacques Eydelie (Benfica to Bastia).

Marseille survive, but are due another season in Division II even though they topped the table: the punishment for bankruptcy!

So second-placed Guingamp go up with Gueugnon, who finished right on their heels and not far from Marseille. At least Tony Cascarino, the Second Division's leading scorer, should be able to go on where he left off last season!

ANDRE DUCL

Portugal

Robson staying with Porto

SEASON 1994-95 is barely over, but thoughts already have turned to the new campaign.

The situation at FC Porto, worthy champions, is particularly intriguing, with Bobby Robson and Pinto da Costa in a strange association.

Manager Robson had been visiting England, listening to Arsenal's ideas about bringing him back permanently. Pinto da Costa, the Porto chairman, was not keen on that.

In the end the move fell through, so the chairman is now working with a man who had considered deserting him, and the manager is now working for someone who helped to prevent him from achieving his ambition.

Meantime, the pair try to strengthen the team for the Champions Cup. Porto did well in winning the domestic title, but do not look good enough to become European winners.

The odd case of Niall Quinn was another talking point. Sporting Lisbon apparently wanted to sign him, and when the media announced that all was settled, the player duly arrived in Lisbon for a parade before a crowd fit for a king, not just a Quinn.

But then came the news that the deal was off – because Sporting had decided that the money they were paying Manchester City (and Quinn) could buy two or three Brazilians.

New chairman Santana Lopes had attracted votes in the election by revealing that Quinn was coming. Once the votes were counted and he was in office, he was at liberty to change his mind.

Quinn realises that he has been used, but told me: "They can't hurt me, though they could have sent a fax or phoned to tell me I was no longer good enough for them."

On the pitch, Sporting beat Maritimo in the Cup Final, insignicant in terms of quality but not in prestige: this was the club's first major success since Malcolm Allison's days in the early 1980s.

Leca (champions), Felgueiras and Campomaiorense are promoted, with Uniao Madeira, Beira Mar and Vitoria Setubal going down.

ALBERTO DA SILVA

Holland

A riddle that Guus can't solve

WHEN Guus Hiddink became Holland's manager he said that running a national team was the only job in professional football he had not done.

Now Hiddink, the coach who made his name with PSV and Valencia, must be wondering if the national hot seat is a little too hot.

Holland's pathetic performance and 1-0 defeat against Byelorussia in Minsk said it all. Fortunately Luxembourg beat the Czech Republic by the same score, or the Dutch European Championship road to England would have been blocked.

How is it possible for Ajax players, who stunned the rest of Europe by taking the Champions Cup from Milan, to be unable to produce the same form for Holland? Ajax had seven in the Dutch team against Byelorussia.

Perhaps Hiddink has been unable to produce tactics that had an Ajax look about them. Perhaps Ajax players do not have the same motivation with Holland as they do with their club.

Hiddink has to combine building what will amount to virtually a new team for Holland, finding the right tactics that will suit his Dutch boys and then discover a fighting spirit that goes with the orange shirt.

Back in Amsterdam, Ajax coach Louis Van Gaal splashed out £2million for Brazilian international defender Marcio Santos from Fiorentina.

Santos is 26 and whispers were heard during their talks that he might be able to join the coaching staff when his four-year playing contract is up.

But while the rest of Europe had no idea what Ajax were playing at, Van Gaal had it all organised. First, chief scout Tonnie Pronk watched Santos for Fiorentina against Parma. Then assistant coach Gerard Van der Lem watched him for Brazil against Japan. Then Van Gaal was at Wembley to watch Santos against England.

Santos admitted being a proud man when he heard Ajax were following him: "They are the best team in Europe and maybe the world."

But back to motivation, and discipline.

Ajax played in a youth tournament organised by FC Groningen. Despite losing only on penalties to Ghana's national youth team, Ajax were brought in for extra training to hammer home a few points. They could manage only eighth place!

Feyenoord have signed defender Clemens Zwijnenberg from FC Twente, but Twente have been adding to their squad. Yuri Petrov, a Russian forward who has been on loan with RKC, has signed a three-year contract. Twente must pay Torpedo Moscow £500,000 for him. They also have signed, as a full professional, 18-year-old Swedish defender Andreas Augustson, who has been with them as an amateur.

ERIC NICHOLLS

Ajax bound . . . Marcio Santos is heading for Holland

Belgium

New name in the game

A NEW name will appear among League fixtures next season, albeit in the Third Division.

RTFCL, or Royal Tilleur Football Club Liege to give the new concern its full name, is the result of a merger between the First Division's bottom club, FC Liege, and Tilleur, a team from the southern suburbs of the city.

The amalgamation may have saved FC Liege, whose descent was hastened by a chronic financial situation and their antiquated Stad Rocourt, but RTFCL might do well to swiftly appease their supporters.

Fans of FC Liege have stated they will not back the newly-formed club in its new home, or rather another ancient ground, the Burrafosse Stadium – the home of Tilleur.

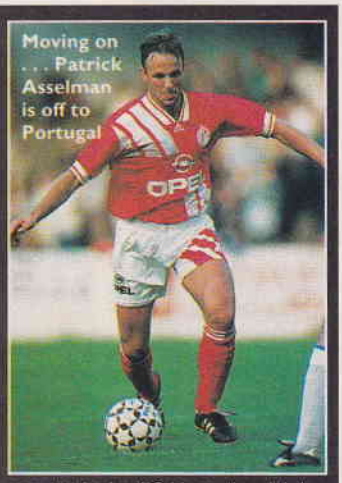
Tilleur had hoped that they might resume in the Second Division but not having earned promotion on merit, they will start where they finished. No doubt that decision by the Belgian FA was influenced by their feelings towards Andre Marchandise, who claims he has been made the scapegoat following a charge of asset stripping FC Liege, the club he bought into two years ago.

Across the city at League runners-up Standard, things are happening. Aurelio Vidmar has been allowed to move to Feyenoord for £1million. *See profile, page 46.*

Another forward, Patrick Asselman has departed for Guimaraes in Portugal, but the arrival of Germain Arnoys will help to fill the gap in attack. Another significant transfer was that of Romanian midfielder Dorinel Munteanu, who has returned to Koln from Cercle Bruges.

On the coaching front, the appointment of Laszlo Fazekas is a popular one at Antwerp, for whom he starred as a player in the early 1980s.

NICHOLAS HARLING



Moving on . . . Patrick Asselman is off to Portugal

Republic of Ireland

Jack's run is nearly done

JACK CHARLTON always says he will quit as manager when the Irish public no longer want him.

Big Jack is still popular, but he could not escape hearing the derisory jeers as his team walked off Lansdowne Road after a humiliating 3-1 defeat by Austria. Eight days earlier his team had failed to break down the Liechtenstein defence in Eschen.

It was a terrible end to a season that promised so much. Now the race for places at Euro '96 could go down to the wire in Lisbon on November 15.

Charlton, now 60, has been in charge for nine years and has led the Republic to the finals of three major tournaments. But after 90 games in charge maybe it's time for a change. The main criticisms levelled at him concern his erratic selections.

With the enforced absence of Roy Keane and captain Andy Townsend, he brought back veteran Ronnie Whelan against Liechtenstein and Austria, and has persevered with strikers Niall Quinn and Tony Cascarino, neither of whom could hit the net.

If the Irish qualify for the finals, the earliest Charlton would go would be July 1996, leaving a new manager only a month to prepare for the first qualifying game of the 1998 World Cup.

The FAI could do with the money from qualification, but a successor may fare better if the team did not qualify and Charlton left in November, clearing the way for the new man to get in some friendlies next Spring.

Candidates being mentioned include Ron Atkinson, Joe Kinnear, Mick McCarthy and Liam Brady. Charlton will be a hard act to follow.

There is no change in membership of the FAI National League First Division. New clubs from Cork and Limerick failed in their membership applications, as did Dublin juniors TEK United, while Kilkenny City and St James's Gate have been re-elected.

SEAN CREEDON

Back in business . . . Whelan was recalled by Charlton

Denmark

Boom time!

DENMARK has a new champion club, Aab of Aalborg, who won the title for the first time in their 110-year history in dramatic style on the last day of the season.

They thrashed local rivals AGF Aarhus 4-0, with a hat-trick from top-scorer Erik Bo Andersen, to pip Brondby. He finished on 24 goals, but missed out on a £10,000 cash bonus he would have received for scoring 25 when he hit the bar in the last minute.

The two clubs went into the final round level on points, but Brondby lost 1-0 to FC Copenhagen in front of an astonishing 36,000 crowd at the Parken stadium, a record for the modern era.

It is boom time in domestic soccer. An estimated 500,000 watched the final day's games live on TV – roughly 10 per cent of the entire population. Overall, average attendances are up 25 per cent.

Aalborg played the best football of the season, and unlike many champions of the past they aim to avoid breaking up the team. Former 'Danish dynamite' manager, the highly-respected Sepp Piontek, takes charge of the team for next season – and he has immediately snapped up international defender Bjorn Kristensen from Portsmouth.

He is also hoping that the talented striker Andersen will remain at the club to lead a challenge into Europe next year. Reaching the Champions League stage of the European Cup would transform the finances of the North Jutland outfit.

But success in Europe can prove a fleeting glory – as OB Odense manager Kim Brink has discovered. OB were the talk of Europe earlier this season after knocking Real Madrid out of the UEFA Cup, but it meant that their League form slipped away, especially after the enforced sale of Cameroon striker Alphonse Tchami. They eventually finished bottom of the eight-team Superliga, although under a re-structured competition they won't be relegated. It didn't help Brink. He was fired next day.

The Superliga will go up to 12 teams for next season, with Herfolge, Vejle, Viborg and Ikast winning promotion. Viborg, though, have lost their manager Viggo Jensen – snapped up by OB.

JIM HOLDEN

Norway

Style pays for Molde

NEWCOMERS Molde showed in the first half of the season that they are serious challengers to Rosenborg, the champions.

From the first match, against Brann in Bergen when they won 6-0, they have notched impressive victories with some exciting, attacking football. Ole Gunnar Solskjar scored 13 goals in Molde's first 12 games and Arild Stavrun and Ole Bjorn Sundgot are other cogs in a formidable S-S-S attack.

Rosenborg, overshadowed by Molde in the early weeks, showed more stability by picking up 10 wins out of 12 and drawing the other two.

After some early difficulties newcomer Tom Kare Staurvik found his form, and scored some glorious goals along the way.

Jahn Ivar 'Mini' Jacobsen has had a new lease of life since returning from professional football in Switzerland and Germany, and has been in consistent form, while Harald Brattbakk has attracted interest from foreign clubs.

Manager Rune Bratseth says, however, that the era when Norwegian players were sold abroad for peanuts is over. The management of Lillestrom have taken the same attitude as far as central defender Ronnie Johnsen is concerned.

Brann's heavy defeats made the fans call for Hallvar Thoresen's head. Patience has never been a virtue of football followers in Bergen.

Trevor Morley has been taken on loan from West Ham, and his goals have been important in the club's struggle to move away from the relegation zone.

Norwegian football in general is in a very confident mood this season.

The national team's male players did their job against Malta in the European Championship qualifier and should secure their place in England, and the nation's women have won many new friends with their football.

The World Championship in Sweden was crowned by a superb tactical display in the final against Germany, leading to a 2-0 victory.

SIGURD ODEGAARD

Israel

Little hope is left

THE national team suffered a hammer blow in their quest to qualify for the European Championship finals when beaten 2-1 by Group 1 leaders Romania.

The conditions at Steaua Bucharest's stadium were atrocious, as torrential rain throughout the whole 90 minutes turned the encounter into a cross between mud wrestling and water polo.

Israel held their own for most of the match, despite being without Ronen Harazi and Rony Rosenthal because of illness and injury, and went near to winning. Yet their loss and Poland's 5-0 win over Slovakia means that their only hope of reaching the finals now rests on winning their three remaining games – Slovakia (a), Azerbaijan (h) and France (a).

At home, Maccabi Haifa made up for the disappointment of losing the title by winning the State Cup in convincing style over Hapoel Haifa. Two goals, by find-of-the-season, Ofer Shitrit, and Eyal Berkowitz gave Maccabi a place in the Cup-winners Cup.

Avraham Grant, coach of Maccabi Tel Aviv, parted company with the club he had just led to the title and joined Hapoel Haifa. Dror Kashtan, sacked by Hapoel Haifa, took over at Maccabi Tel Aviv, while Betar Jerusalem appointed Eli Cohen, formerly with Ironi Rishon.

ORI LEWIS

Sweden

IFK's surprise stuttering start

IFK GOTHENBURG'S poor start to the season has been the talk of Sweden.

IFK players have looked jaded after a hectic spring programme preparing for the Champions Cup. The biggest surprise, however, has been the team's lack of firepower. With forwards such as Stefan Pettersson, Mikael Martinsson, Jesper Blomqvist, Magnus Erlingmark and Mats Lilienberg, the Angels should have found goals easy to come by.

Financially, IFK look mightier than ever. They earned around £7million from the Champions League. The club capital is estimated to be around £5million – twice as much as that of the Swedish FA! IFK could easily buy five top Swedish clubs!

National coach Tommy Svensson, fresh from celebrating his 50th birthday, has hit back at the Swedish media. He was angry at some of the local journalists, who after Sweden's defeat in Hungary, demanded that more players from the Under-21 side be promoted to the full squad.

"How can they say something like that when there were only two Swedish journalists watching our Under-21 team play in Hungary," the coach argued.

Svensson surprised many by naming AIK's midfielder Ola Andersson in the Umbro Cup squad which faced England, Brazil and Japan. Andersson is already 29, but is in his debut season in the Allsvenskan.

Other new caps include goalkeeper Bengt Anderssson (Orgryte), stopper Teddy Lucic (Vastra Frolunda), midfielder Peter Wibran (Oster) and striker Dick Lidman (AIK).

- IFK have completed the signing of midfielder Hakan Mild from Switzerland's Servette. The club also have warned off clubs eyeing star winger Jesper Blomqvist.
- AIK'S coach Hasse Backe has turned down an offer to coach Denmark's FC Copenhagen, while AIK's big forward Dick Lidman has been linked with France's Bordeaux.

PENTTI HIETANE

Going to Gothenburg . . . Mild has joined IFK

Turkey take off

Turkey are at last on the verge of the big time. Andrew Warshaw talks to the man who has made it all possible, national coach Fatih Terim

THE last time Turkey qualified for the finals of a major championship, Fatih Terim had not been born. He is now 41, yet his proud country still have not been able to add to their only appearance on the international stage, the 1952 World Cup finals.

Terim, Turkey's national coach, is doing everything he can to change that. And unless things go dramatically wrong over the next six months, his dream of taking his squad to Euro '96 in England should become a reality.

"You cannot describe the desire in Turkey to make it to next year's finals," he said. "We've gone so long without success. It would be a new era. If we don't qualify now, there would be tremendous disappointment."

The Turks have every right to feel they will be one of the 16 teams in England. They lead Group 3 on goal difference from Switzerland. Victory over Hungary at home on September 6 would all but guarantee their place.

Terim, a squat, chain-smoking figure who holds the record number of Turkish national caps (54) and captained the side 35 times, is being hailed as the saviour of Turkish football.

It's not hard to understand why. When he took over from Sepp Piontek in August 1993, the Turks had failed, once again, to qualify for a major competition – the World Cup in the United States. Their expectations were dashed, their pride hurt and their pain made even more acute by the success of arch-rivals Greece.

Terim said: "You can't really win, because now people are saying that even if we make it to England we will lose all our matches, just like the Greeks did in the United States. But I don't think that would happen.

"We'd have about 25,000 fans at all our games to support us. I don't think it would be a one-off either. Success breeds success and I think we'd build on it."

Terim, who had spent two and half years under Piontek, knew long before he took over that the country was full of technically gifted players. As the Under-21 coach, he had seen over 300 in action across the country and led the side to gold and silver medals at the Mediterranean Games.

He was convinced that if success could be achieved at that level, it could come at senior level. To get what he wanted, however, he had to radically change the team and develop a fighting spirit that Piontek and his predecessors had failed to muster.

'We've scored in every game since I've been in charge. I don't want to sound arrogant but I have to take some credit'

"I wanted a team who fought as if their lives depended on it," Terim told me, gesticulating wildly. "I could not accept the assumption that we couldn't compete physically. I'd heard this for years and I couldn't stand it.

"I told the players it was easy to be unsuccessful because it was what everyone expected. I told them I wanted a battle every time they went out to play." The attitudes that Terim planted quickly took root.

In their first European qualifier, in September against Hungary, Turkey came back from two down to draw 2-2. Against the dangerous Swedes three months later, an early goal was again conceded but Terim's team came back to win 2-1, probably their best performance to date given the pressure of the situation.

"The win against Sweden was hugely important," said Terim, who managed a number of low-key clubs before joining the national squad. "Any other result could have put us out of the running."

The Terim philosophy made its mark even before the Euro '96 qualifying campaign. Although Turkey had already missed out on the 1994 World Cup finals when he took over, his first game in charge, a qualifier against Poland, ended in a 2-1 victory. Terim made 12 changes for that game, tearing Piontek's squad apart, but he knew exactly what he was doing.

"I wanted the players to know what they were supposed to be doing when they didn't have the ball. They knew how to play with it but not without it."

The side he inherited had played

3-5-2 system that allowed the central midfield players to push forward but all too often resulted in their refusing to come back.

"Now we play 3-4-2-1 so that only one technical player can support the front two without leaving us exposed at the back. It isn't defensive, it's flexible. We have scored in every game since I've been in charge. I don't want to sound arrogant but I have to take some of the credit for this."

Which begs the question of why Terim had never passed on his advice to Piyale. "Oh but I did. I told him so many things but he was the boss. I'm not sure he had the courage to make too many changes.

"But I learned a lot from Sepp. He had vast international experience. Don Howe, Gordon Milne and Arthur Cox also worked out here and all of them contributed something to my knowledge of the game."

He firmly believes, however, that he can contribute just as much as anyone else. "I'd like to work in Europe and be the first Turk to coach overseas. For 30 years we have imported foreign managers. I could contribute as much as any of them."

Turkish football officials can hardly claim their luck at the success being manufactured by Terim.

Murat Sayazit, son of a former Galatasaray chairman and senior member of the Turkish FA, said: "Fatih prepares the players to such an extent that they give 150 per cent. He doesn't pick players on reputation and he knows their mentality instinctively. He is 100 per cent responsible for the sudden change. Unlike the foreign managers, Fatih has nothing to go back to if he fails. He's extremely hard-working and, of course, he played the game so he knows when to push the players and when to pull back. Also, he has tremendous faith in his own judgement."

Like the Sweden game when Terim left out his captain, Oguz, from the starting line-up and gambled with three debutants, all 22 or under.

"I needed players who would fight like mad and I wasn't sure Oguz was right for 90 minutes," he said. "But when I put him on for the second half he was brilliant. I used to be criticised in the media for leaving out star names. But not any more."

Terim has a footballing brain to match the best. At home he has many videos of rival teams, and at USA '94 he watched a remarkable 13 World Cup games in 14 days, taking copious notes as he picked up ideas.

"I could have stayed at home but in the stadiums I could see everything. On TV, you only see the position of the ball. I needed to see all the space."

The improved performances of Turkey's club sides in Europe have given the national squad much-needed confidence. Nevertheless, the scale of what Terim has achieved so far cannot be under-estimated.

Unlike so many other emerging soccer nations, none of Terim's players earn their bread with an overseas club, although Galatasaray striker Hakan Sukur, who enjoys almost royal status, is on his way to Torino in Italy.

"He should go," said Terim. "If he stays here, he won't improve."

Wasn't he afraid of losing touch with the players if they start a procession overseas? "No, I have seen enough of them to know what they can do. I don't need to watch them every week. And they know me. I don't have to say anything to them if things are going wrong. They understand what I am thinking."

Terim knows that if Turkey slip in the run-in to Euro '96, the knives will be out. He might even resign. But he is confident the opposite will happen.

"I want us to be a constant threat. I want other countries to fear being in our group every time a major tournament comes round."

Andrew Warshaw is Sports Editor of The European

Flying the flag... Hakan Sukur celebrates the 2-1 win in Switzerland

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Red Star Belgrade, the 1991 Champions Cup winners who were decimated by the Yugoslav civil war, are back in European competition. Miroljub Stojkovic profiles the team that came back from the brink of despair

Conquerors of 'new Yugoslavia' . . . Red Star celebrate their 20th League title

NO OTHER prominent European club have travelled the road from continental champions to international isolation as rapidly or as dramatically as Serbia's most successful and popular outfit, Crvena Zvezda (Red Star) Belgrade.

Four seasons ago, despite the country's civil unrest, Belodedic, Jugovic, Savicevic, Prosinecki, Pancev and the others provided Yugoslavia with their first European Champions Cup. They eclipsed, without a single defeat, Grasshopper Zurich, Rangers, Dynamo Dresden, Bayern Munich and, in the 100th European final, Marseille.

Between 1956 and 1992, Red Star had become one of the most eminent powers on the Continent, participating 33 times in all three UEFA club competitions (then, only Real Madrid had played more). They reached ninth place on the European all-time performance table, with 46 wins, 13 draws and 27 defeats.

During the past five decades – the club celebrate their 50th anniversary this year – their contribution and dominance went far beyond their accumulation of trophies.

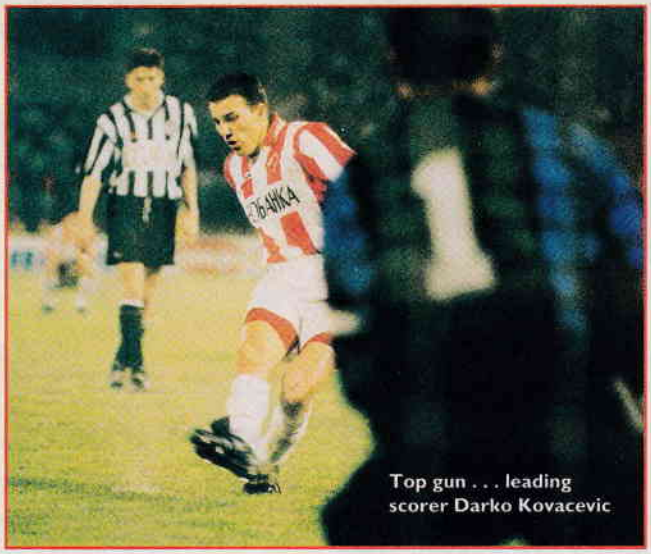
Red Star were highly respected abroad, passionately loved by their own supporters (average home attendance in European matches was well above 80,000), but hated by everybody else. And who have been more committed to cut the red and white scalp than neighbours Partizan Belgrade?

This bitter rivalry, not without a political and social context, has not died in recent seasons.

During the muddy horror of the civil war surrounding rump Yugoslavia, Partizan comfortably won two championships in a row. Red Star claimed that the club's objective was "to retain the title when it really matters" with the liftings of sports sanctions on Serbia and Montenegro in sight.

The war meant Red Star lost the chance to compete in European competition and a lot more besides. Club director Vladimir Cvetkovic says: "If the international blockade had not been implemented, we would have kept our European Champions team together for at least two or three seasons. And I am sure we would have won more trophies. We not only have lost the chance to compete, we also lost about £45million in tickets, sponsorship and TV contracts."

With only two players, Milojevic and Adzic, remaining from 1991, and with others transferred worldwide (Lekovic, Vidakovic, Vasilijevic, Maslovar, Lukic, Ivic, Drobnjak), the club have carried on a process of rebuilding a team capable of winning everything at home, including admiration for the football they play.


Top gun . . . leading scorer Darko Kovacevic

In the 1994-95 championship, featuring a changed, two-stage format, Red Star and Partizan faced each other four times. The last and decisive derby, played on May 6, in front of a 92,500 capacity crowd – which Red Star won 2-1 – was significant in many ways. It showed how imminent the Yugoslav footb revival is, and what a tremendous spirit, talent a strength in depth there is in the new Red Star squa

The leading figure in the club's rebirth is th coach, Ljubomir Petrovic, now in his second sp with the club. Tough, cold-minded, aggressi almost ruthless, he knows how to take diffic decisions. No player was allowed to feel secu Everybody had to be physically, technically a mentally fit for the task.

Highly-versatile sweeper Stojkovs stopper Djorovic, playmaker Petkovic a midfielders Perovic and Krupnikovic, ha formed the axis on which Petrovic h based his new team. Up front, one of t most exciting young strikers in Euro Darko Kovacevic, has made and sco almost all the vital goals, 27 in total.

Kovacevic, only 21, was a real bargai only £450,000 from Proleter Zrenjanin June 1994. He has proved to be a nat opportunist and a lethal finisher, a mod centre-forward with power, elegance, p and balance. Of course, there is still ro for improvement, and the best of him, well as of the others, is yet to come.

Although Red Star won their 1 Yugoslav Cup and 20th Yugoslav cham onship with only one defeat in 18 Divis A matches, director Dragan Dzajic reck that their supriority in the domestic ga does not mean the new team are str enough to be a force in European foot At least, not yet.

He says: "The Yugoslav League is not what it u to be, and few of our players have made na for themselves on the international stage, altho their youth and growing confidence suggests f may not be long in coming."

Dzajic, however, is confident that Red Star wi very much back in business next season, comp with equal vigour and determination in the UEFA Yugoslav Cup and Yugoslav League.

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Champions of Europe . . . Red Star celebrate their 1991 triumph in Bari

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The civil war in the former Yugoslavia forced the break-up of the Red Star team who beat Marseille 5-3 on penalties in the 1991 Champions Cup Final. Members of that side are now playing all over Europe. Everywhere, in fact, except Belgrade.

Stevan STOJANOVIC
Goalkeeper. Moved to Antwerp in Belgium, where he is still playing.

Vladimir JUGOVIC
Midfield. Until recently with Italy's Sampdoria. Looks set for a summer move to champions Juventus.

Slobodan MAROVIC
Left-back. Moved to Sweden to IFK Norrkoping. Only member of the 1991 Champions Cup-winning team to have retired from professional football.

Refik SABANADZOVIC
Midfield. Still in Greece with AEK Athens.

Miodrag BELODEDIC
Sweeper. Moved to Valencia in Spain, and then on to Real Valladolid. Likely to move to Panionios of Greece this summer.

Ilija NAJDOSKI
Centre-back. Looks set to rejoin Red Star after spells with Real Valladolid (Spain) and Denizlispor (Turkey).

Sinisa MIHAJLOVIC
Midfield. Moved to Roma in Italy, from where he went on loan to Sampdoria. Likely to return to Roma this summer.

Dejan SAVICEVIC
Midfield/forward. Has enjoyed great success in Italy with Milan, including a second Champions Cup win.

Darko PANCEV
Centre-forward. The former Golden Boot winner moved to Internazionale, enjoyed a spell with Dynamo Berlin, before returning to Inter, where he has struggled to make an impact.

Robert PROSINECKI
Midfield. Joined Real Madrid, before moving to Real Oviedo on loan.

Dragisa BINIC
Forward. Moved to Sparta Prague, and then on to Japan, playing for Grampus Eight, before joining his current side, Tosu Futures.

The squad

THE COACH
Ljubomir PETROVIC (15.5.47)
Born in Osijek (now Croatia), he had a successful career with the local club, scoring a record 159 League goals. Coaching career started in 1984 with Osijek NK. Was coach of Spartak Subotica before taking Vojvodina Novi Sad to the 1988-89 title. Led Red Star to their European Champions Cup triumph in 1990-91. Was in charge at Espanyol (Spain), Penarol (Uruguay), PAOK and Olympiakos (Greece) before rejoining Red Star at start of the 1994-95 season.

THE PLAYERS
Goalkeepers
Zvonko MILOJEVIC (30.8.71)
Product of Red Star youth system. Looks very composed and a good shot-stopper, although suspect with crosses. Three caps for Yugoslavia.

Milan SIMEUNOVIC (14.5.67)
A luxury reserve, with great experience.

Defenders
Dejan STEFANOVIC (28.10.74)
Product of youth system, reliable man-marker, strong in the tackle and in the air and confident on the ball. Two international caps.

Goran DJOROVIC (11.11.71)
Considered the most accomplished defender in the country. Strong, brave, combative and immensely consistent stopper. A very good reader of the game. Signed three years ago from Pristina FC. Five caps.

Mitko STOJKOVSKI (12.12.72)
Can play anywhere in defence, lately impressive as libero. Debut with Pelister Bitola at 16. Joined Red Star in July 1991. Ten caps for Macedonia, and a target for many foreign clubs.

Target man . . . Mitko Stojkovski is being watched by a number of foreign clubs

Predrag STANKOVIC (17.9.68)
Joined last June from Zemun. A consistent ball-winner, with great stamina.

Nenad SAKIC (15.6.71)
Signed last summer from Napredak Krusevac. A superb tackler.

Aleksandar KRISTIC (5.10.70)
Typical stopper, with great spirit.

Midfielders
Nikola RADMANOVIC (1.3.69)
Began with Becej, joining Red Star three summers ago. A constructive, durable, hard-working midfielder.

Winning ways . . . coach Ljubomir Petrovic

Marko PEROVIC (24.3.72)
Formerly with Vojvodina Novi Sad. Signed last summer, making an instant impact in Red Star's more physical game. A versatile, strong, combative midfield player with good all-round skill and great attitude. Two international caps.

Nebojsa KRUPNIKOVIC (15.8.73)
A product of the Red Star football school, gifted, strong, inventive and highly articulate midfielder, always at his best against the best. Has scored 20 League and Cup goals in the past season. Surprisingly, not yet a full international.

Ivan ADZIC (21.6.73)
Captain and one of only two Belgrade-born players in the squad (Masic is the other). Small, quick and highly perceptive master craftsman.

Srdjan BAJCETIC (9.11.71)
Joined Red Star last February, after spell with Celta Vigo in Spain. Formerly with Vojvodina. A strong, positive hard-working midfielder.

Jovan STANKOVIC (4.3.71)
Technically outstanding, with immense ability, but drifts out of games a little too frequently.

Dejan PETKOVIC (10.9.72)
A jewel in the midfield crown. Has strength on the ball, gets important goals and brings people into the game. Came from Radnicki Nis three years ago. One international cap.

Forwards
Bratislav ZIVKOVIC (18.11.70)
Very dangerous wide player, classy counter-attacker with great pace. Previously with Vojvodina.

Darko KOVACEVIC (9.11.73)
The hottest property in Yugoslav football today. Made his name with Proleter Zrenjanin, transferred last summer to Red Star. Skilful and fast, a brilliant header, and a consistent and prolific scorer (27 last season). Four international caps.

Goran STOJILJKOVIC (14.12.70)
A great-hearted striker and difficult to mark. Mainly used as a substitute. Signed from Radnicki Nis last June.

Zoran MASIC (2.1.69)
Started with OFK Belgrade, had a short spell with Panionios Athens, and joined Red Star last January. A natural opportunist and a very confident finisher. Big things expected of him.

CIS

Rival plans for the future

RIVAL PLANS for two tournaments, involving leading clubs from countries in the former USSR, have been put forward for discussion.

The first, suggested by members of the Dynamo Tbilisi board, proposes a knockout tournament between the 11 clubs who won the Soviet Union title between 1936 and 1991.

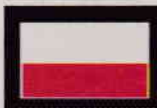
These 11 comprise five from Russia (the Moscow quartet of Spartak, Dynamo, CSKA and Torpedo, plus Zenit St Petersburg), three from Ukraine (Kiev Dynamo, Dnepr and Zaria of Lugansk), Dynamo Tbilisi from Georgia, Dynamo Minsk from Belarus, and Ararat Yerevan from Armenia.

Oleg Romantsev, president and manager of Moscow Spartak as well as coach of the national team, is cautious. "Many of Spartak's team play on four fronts every season," he said. "They are in the League and Cup, European competition and the national squad. I don't think we could find room for another tournament."

The second plan is for a combined league-and-cup format with 16 clubs, four from both Russia and Ukraine and one from each of Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Armenia, Moldova, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan. There would be four groups of four playing each other home and away, with the top two from each group going through to the next stage. The quarter-finals and semi-finals would involve two-leg knockout matches, followed by a one-off final.

Dynamo suggest that the tournament should finish in November, between the winter break in the season. The club are known as fierce opponents of synthetic pitches – unlike their Moscow rivals.

VLADIMIR KALINKOVICH



Poland

Henryk's happier now

POLAND'S 5-0 European Championship win over Slovakia has given them a good chance of qualifying for Euro '96.

Andrzej Juskowiak scored twice, to bring his total to five in the series and not surprisingly he said: "Our next game is in Paris and the French should be starting to be afraid of us."

Legia Warsaw completed the domestic double for the second year in a row, beating GKS Katowice 2-0 in the Cup Final to follow their League success. The match was marred by violence between fans and police. Over 100 police officers were injured, 13 seriously.

Now Legia are dreaming of a Champions League campaign and hoping to recruit Andrzej Kubica from Austria Vienna and Cezary Kucharski from Aarau of Switzerland, plus two domestic captures, Tomasz Sokolowski (Stomil Olsztyn) and Tomasz Wieszczycki (LKS Lodz).

Katowice go into the Cup-winners Cup and Widzew Lodz and Zaglebie Lubin into the UEFA Cup. They may do better than Katowice, who have sold top striker Grzegorz Mielcarski to Portugal's FC Porto for £600,000.

DARIUSZ KUROWSKI

Hungary

Failure follows failur

A THIRD successive defeat by Iceland in competitive matches ruled out any hopes Hungary had of qualifying for the finals of next year's European Championship.

After the optimism created by the 1-0 win over World Cup semi-finalists Sweden in April, the failure to achieve at least a draw in Reykjavik, where they lost 2-1 after scoring first, was half-expected by a long-disillusioned public.

The last Hungarian team to qualify for the finals of a major competition was Dr Gyorgy Mezey's squad, in the World Cup in Mexico in 1986. Failure has followed failure, and a generation of players have not experienced competition at the highest level.

The present Under-21 team, with a 1-1 draw in Iceland, remained unbeaten in the European qualifiers after five matches, and the Under-19 side, showing rare determination in the tackle and the stamina to last into extra time, were worthy 2-1 winners on aggregate over England in the play-o for a finals spot in the European event.

Hat-trick hero . . . Peter Lipcsei's goals helped Fernecvaros win the Cup

The fans, starved of genuine international success, are understandably extravagant when club successes come their way. Ferencvaros won the first double since 1976, but few supporters woul bet that their team will reach the League stage o the Champions Cup, a competition in which Frac were once feared opponents.

Their 25th championship was won with two matches to spare, after a 3-3 home draw with Debrecen, who led 3-1 with 14 minutes remainin

The 17th Hungarian Cup also was not without a late alarm, a 2-0 first-leg win over Vac being followed by a potential upset when the provincia led 3-0 after 38 minutes of the second leg. Then Peter Lipcsei, with two penalties in a hat-trick, made the score 3-3 by the 72nd minute. Jozsef Keller added a fourth three minutes later for a 4- win on the day and a 6-3 aggregate success.

Ujpest, who finished second, began brilliantly only to falter in the Spring, when Laszlo Wukovic returning from injury, and Tamas Tiefenbach, ba from Switzerland, rarely hit it off up front.

Kispest, third at the half-time break, had a poor under what became the temporary management Mihaly Kozma, before former Haladas boss Peter Torok tried to turn things around. It didn't happen the pitch and they ended the season in fourth pla

Vac, champions last season, fell away badly in the League, lacking the vitality and sustained tempo of the previous campaign, and had to survive play-offs to retain Division One status. They and Parmalat finished in the two places above the pair relegated automatically, Nagykanizsa and Sopron.

● TIBOR SIMON, Andras Telek and Zoltan Vanicsek of Ferencvaros were given suspended sentences, six months for Simon and four for th other two, for their part in attacks on police wh spectators invaded the pitch after the Cup succ the previous year, against Kispest-Honved. All three have appealed against the sentences.

BRIAN O'SULL

Romania

Cup Final row as ref retire

PETROLUL PLOESTI will be Romania's representatives in the Cup-winners Cup next season after a scandalous domestic final against Rapid Bucharest.

Petrolul won 5-4 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in what was the last domestic match for referee Ion Craciunescu, who had not convinced with his handling of the 1995 Champions Cup Final.

His was accused of manipulation after the Romanian final while Rapid's Vladiou claimed team-mates had thrown the game. Some of Craciunescu's decisions led to comments on his professional links with Samsung, Rapid's sponsors.

A serious Rapid bodycheck was overlooked and a patently offside 'Railway' equaliser in the 88th minute brought whistles from the 35,000 crowd. Defeat for Rapid cost the club £2.5million, an extraordinary sum by Romanian standards, in sponsorship.

President Ilie Iliescu was present to give the Cup to Petrolul, whose players had to be persuaded t continue in the second half. They were angry so disadvantaged, but their return to the field off, Stefan Preda saving the vital fifth spot-kic

Steaua Bucharest took the League title agai convincing 3-0 win over National.

The Army-sponsored club's 17th League tri came with two weeks of the season to go, 'U Craiova having lost 3-2 against Inter in Sibiu longer being able to make up the ground.

The 32-year-old international striker Lacatu the hero, scoring one of the goals, just as he the Euro '96 qualifying game against Israel th previous Wednesday.

Dinamo retained an outside chance of ove 'U' for second place by drawing with defeate finalists Rapid. Veteran striker Mateut, once controversial Golden Boot winner, got both

BOB V

Czech Republic

Sparta seal the championship

SPARTA clinched the title by winning 1-0 on the last Sunday of the season, in Jablonec, where once again Viktoria Zizkov look likely to play Cup-winners Cup ties next season.

The number of Czech teams in Europe for 1995-96 is still unknown, and for the moment it is the transfer season, with Patrik Berger departing Vrsovice for Dortmund. He will be very difficult for Slavia to replace, though that may not be quite the case with veteran winger Ivo Knoflicek, who once nearly joined Derby. He leaves Slavia at the age of 33 to join ambitious Prusanky, a small Moravian outfit who topped Division Four D.

Uherske Hradiste and Opava go up to Division One. The Brno club, LeRK, missed out, but generally Moravian football looks healthier than for a long time.

Unfortunately, the gates do not, and in both the Czech and Moravian parts of the country they fell to an average of around the 3,000 mark. Only a total of 25,000 turned up for the last day of the season, 9,000 of them at Jablonec to see Sparta bring their points total up to 70 while Slavia, top for much of the campaign, were losing 3-2 at home to Viktoria Plzen. An odd scoreline, after the home team had gone two up in 14 minutes.

Plzen got back in the game with a penalty just before the interval, and two Janousek goals gave the Brewers the points.

Sparta's winning six-point margin had looked unlikely when the League resumed after the winter break.

BOB VAUGHAN

On the move . . . veteran Ivo Knoflicek is leaving Slavia Prague

Destination England!

On his way . . . Yordan Lechkov seems set to quit Hamburg

Bulgaria

DIMITAR PENEV's preparations for the showdown game against Germany in Berlin were overshadowed by speculation over star forward Hristo Stoichkov.

The national team, coached by Penev and starring Stoichkov, should wrap up qualification for Euro '96 with three reasonably easy games, Albania twice and Georgia, then a 'Cup Final' in Berlin's Olympic Stadium.

But Penev had not been helped by uncertainty over where European Footballer of the Year Stoichkov will be playing next season. He now seems certain to be playing for Parma in Italy.

Team-mate Yordan Lechkov, meanwhile, also seems certain to start next season with a new club, and this can only complicate Penev's planning for early September in Tirana.

At home, the Cup was won by Lok Sofia, who overcame Botev Plovdiv with a couple of goals in each half after being one behind within a quarter of an hour. The League Cup went to Etar Veliko Tarnovo, the 1991 champions, who defeated Dunav Ruse 2-1 in the final.

Surprisingly, champions Levski fared badly in both knockouts. They did not manage the quarter-finals in the FA Cup, and were eliminated 2-0 by Dunav in the League Cup quarter-finals.

Now the UEFA Cup beckons Levski, Botev Plovdiv and the country's traditionally favourite club, Slavia Sofia.

Dobrudzha and Shumen slipped out of the relegation net, and Pirin and Lok Gorna Oriahovitsa join once-great Beroe Stara Zagora in the Second Division.

BOB VAUGHAN

Georgia

DYNAMO TBILISI'S sixth successive national championship was marred by a major scandal, the second in 18 months.

On the morning of the final round of matches, Georgi Daraselia of Kolkheti was the country's top scorer with 26 goals, and Mamuka Khundadze of Torpedo Kutaisi was one behind.

Nobody could have forecast the outcome – Daraselia scored nine goals as Kolkheti beat the bottom club, Samgurali, 10-5, and Khundadze scored all nine as his club beat Sapovnela 11-4.

Not surprisingly the Federation took action, annulling the results and deducting three points from the totals of all four clubs.

Samtredia, who had led the table for much of the season, were a point behind going into their last fixture, but lost 4-3 at home to Dynamo Zugdidi. So Dynamo Tbilisi, 7-1 winners against Kakheti, retained their title.

Latvia

THE Latvian national team won the 14th Baltic Cup, beating Lithuania 2-0 in Riga in the decisive match.

Traditionally, the Baltic Cup takes place between national teams from the three Baltic states, Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia.

In the championship Skonto Riga have a commanding lead over RAF Yelgava. Skonto also won the Cup, beating DAG Liepaya 3-0 in the Final.

Pardaugava have withdrawn from the League because of financial problems.

VALERY KARPOUSHKIN

Macedonia

THERE will be no promotion to the First Division this year because of a Macedonian FA decision.

Division Two has been declared null and void because of "numerous irregularities". So champions Pobeda Valandovo, will be staying put.

The First Division champions, Vardar Skopje, completed the double by beating Sileks Kratovo 2-1 in the Cup Final.

MIROJLUB STOJKOVIC

Slovakia

A 4-0 defeat in Nantes against a reviving French side was bad enough for the national team, but a five-goal whipping in Poland was the last straw for Jo Venglos.

The humiliated Slovaks slipped to penultimate position, kept off the bottom only by Azerbaijan.

Shortly afterwards Venglos resigned, being demoted to the post of team manager.

When I was talking to him before the game in Poland it was clear that being the first Slovak team manager, something he felt he had a duty to do, was proving a very difficult task.

After the first 15 players, mostly performing abroad, there were few reserves or Under-21 players currently up to international standard.

Venglos' assistant Kocian and Spartak Trnava coach Pecze took charge of the national side on their recent South American tour, but Slovan Bratislava's Jozef Jankech has since been appointed as national coach.

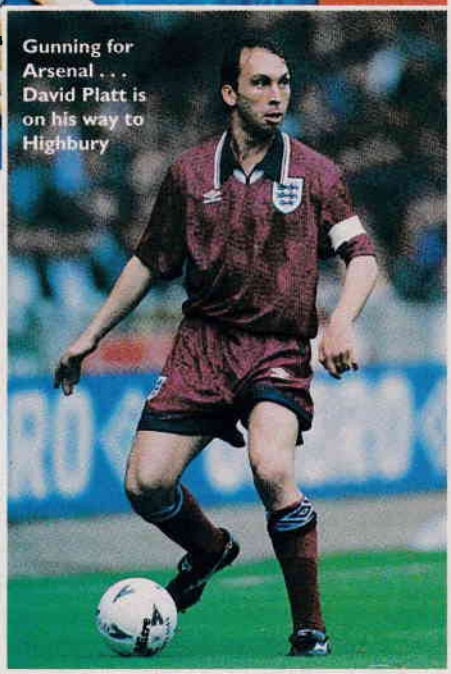
Next season champions Slovan compete in the UEFA Cup, while FC Kosice are trying to get past Wimbledon, among others, in the Intertoto Cup.

BOB VAUGHAN

The silly season

Crazy summer sales have seen transfer fee spiralling out of contr

Take it to the Bridge . . . Gullit signs for Chelsea



Gunning for Arsenal . . . David Platt is on his way to Highbury

ENGLISH fans can be sure of one thing as the new season approaches . . . it is going to cost them more to watch their teams in action.

That is the obvious conclusion to be drawn from the latest, crazy round of summer sales. Few bargains are to be had, but that does not seem to have deterred the Premiership's clubs, who are currently outbidding even the Italians for the big names.

In spite of the enormous growth of television fees and sponsorship deals, plus related sales activities from club shops, the money paid at the gate is still the prime source of income for the vast majority of England's leading clubs.

Entrance fees seem bound to rise, and how fans are going to react to the prospect of watching expensive – but largely unproven players – trying to justify their enormous wages remains to be seen. It would take an Arsenal season ticket holder – in the most expensive seats in the stadium – THIRTY FIVE years to pay Dennis Bergkamp's wages . . . for a week!

Bergkamp joined Arsenal in a £7.5million deal from Internazionale, and is allegedly being paid £20,000 a week, the highest wage in English football.

When viewed in those terms, it would appear a financially suicidal move by Arsenal. Even their chairman, Peter Hill-Wood, admits: "It's absolutely mad. The transfer market's been going crazy for 20 years and getting crazier all the time. But if you want to compete for the best players you either get involved in the big money or you opt out." Arsenal took their spending past the £12million mark when they secured the signature of England captain David Platt, signed from Sampdoria for £4.75million.

The huge fee for Bergkamp, however, was eclipsed when Liverpool agreed to pay a staggering £8.5 million for Stan Collymore of Nottingham Forest. Collymore, 24, becomes Britain's most expensive footballer, on a salary of £14,000 a week, after only 88 minutes experience at international level, and none at all in European competition.

Bergkamp's move to Highbury helped finance Paul Ince's £7million, on-off-on move to Inter, but has done little to improve Ince's image. After delaying a decision on signing, Ince finally decided to leave Old Trafford, claiming that he had been forced out.

United manager Alex Ferguson retaliated by insisting that Ince had engineered the move himself, a that the England midifelder had claimed that the Cup Final was to be his last game for United.

Other clubs, desperate to keep pace, also have been spending wildly. Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan took his summer spending past the £12r lion mark, when he paid Paris St Germain £2.5m for French international David Ginola, adding to t £10million already spent on England internationa Les Ferdinand and Warren Barton.

At Aston Villa, Brian Little has spent £13million since taking charge last season, the latest being £2.5million for Crystal Palace's Gareth Southgat £3million for Partizan Belgrade striker Savo Milos and £3.5million on Leicester City's Mark Draper.

Tottenham, having lost Jurgen Klinsmann to Bayern Munich, paid £4.5million to Crystal Palac Chris Armstrong, a striker who was censured las season for smoking cannabis, and scored only e League goals.

Other foreign imports include giant Australian g keeper Zeljko Kalac, who joined Leicester from Sydney United, and Brazilian striker Isaias, who j Coventry City from Benfica.

Nottingham Forest have led the way in domest transfers, signing Arsenal's Kevin Campbell and Sheffield Wednesday's Chris Bart-Williams for a combined fee of over £4million, while Mancheste United and Everton have yet to take the plunge.

Chelsea, on the other hand, have made two of best buys, for a combined total of only £1.5millic Ruud Gullit arrived from Sampdoria on a free tra and, despite a hefty signing on fee and wages, like the bargain of the summer so far.

Chelsea then pulled off another coup when th prised Mark Hughes away from Manchester Un for a comparatively modest fee of £1.5million. A Hughes is much better value than Ferdinand, th year-old who Newcastle recently paid £6millior

On the managerial front, David Pleat replaces Trevor Francis at Sheffield Wednesday, while A Ball has left Southampton for Manchester City. significantly, Kenny Dalglish has stepped aside become director of football at Blackburn, leavi assistant Ray Harford in charge of first-team a

No alarm bells at Ewood Park, though. Rove yet to open Jack Walker's cheque book this s but did conclude one of the best deals arounc they persuaded Alan Shearer to sign a new, improved four-year contract.

Looking at the ridiculous fees being paid for ers now, the £3.3million Rovers paid for Shea 1992 looks like the bargain of the decade.

● ASTON VILLA striker John Fashanu has be arrested for a second time, in connection wit FA's match-fixing probe. Fashanu was arrest suspicion of 'perverting the course of justice' later released without charge. Fashanu, alon his girlfriend Melissa Kassampasi, Bruce Gro Hans Segers and Malaysian businessman He Suan Lim are on police bail until July 21, whe Crown Prosecution Service is expected to a whether they intend to press charges over a tions of corruption in the FA Premiership. All the detainees have denied the allegations.

JOHN

Scotland

Gazza belongs to Glasgow

GAZZA-MANIA has finally hit Scotland: Paul Gascoigne's travelling circus, which began in Newcastle before moving on to the aristocratic venues of London and Rome, now makes an unexpected stop in Glasgow.

Gascoigne, the high-profile English international midfielder, starts the next stage of his career with Scottish champions Rangers after yet another big-money move.

"This is a big club and I've come here not only to win trophies but to re-start my career," said a slimline Gazza as he signed autographs outside Ibrox.

"People have a habit of knocking the standards in Scottish football and they ask me how I'll react after Italy. But I learned to play football on the playing fields of Gateshead, which are as tough and as basic as you can get. I'll have no difficulty in adapting to Scotland."

The transfer was a protracted affair, with Ibrox manager Walter Smith and chairman David Murray clocking up an impressive collection of air miles as they flew between Glasgow, London and Rome.

After much frustration, the financial details eventually were finalised and Gascoigne was added to a player list which already included such formidable names as Brian Laudrup and Mark Hateley.

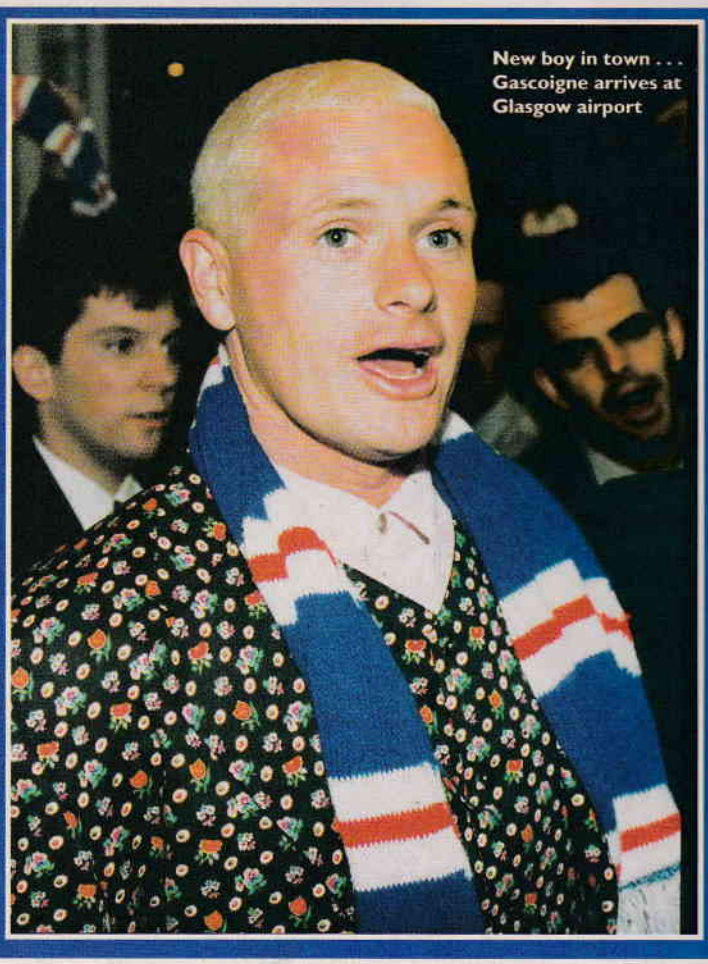
After seven successive championships, what can possibly motivate the players now? Club captain Richard Gough has the answer, saying: "We must ovecome Celtic's record of nine championships in a row. It's in our sights, but until we achieve that the fans won't be happy."

Others at Ibrox, however, place greater emphasis on success in Europe and, with Gazza's arrival, such an objective now appears within grasping range.

On the international front, things look promising for Scotland as they strive to qualify for the European Championship finals.

After defeating the Faroe Islands, the Scots now need to win their remaining three games at home against Greece, Finland and San Marino. As national coach Craig Brown has said, "we can only lose it ourselves." But as has been painfully evident in the past, the Scots are in a league of their own when it comes to pressing the self-destruct button.

ALAN FAIRLEY



New boy in town . . . Gascoigne arrives at Glasgow airport

Wales

Smith pays the price

MIKE SMITH paid the price for poor results and has lost his job as manager of the Welsh national team.

A disastrous European Championship campaign – Wales are lodged firmly at the bottom of their group – made the decision inevitable.

Many names already are being connected with the position. One favourite is Brian Flynn, ex-Welsh international and currently manager of Wrexham and of the Under-21 team. He has been linked to the senior post since the first doubts about Smith's future late last year.

New names in the running include Coventry City's Ron Atkinson, on a part-time basis, and ex-Everton manager Howard Kendall, with his former player Kevin Ratcliffe as assistant.

The fans seem keen on the 'dream-team' of Ian Rush and Neville Southall, but both are considered too inexperienced in management.

FIFA's decision on the matter of Welsh clubs playing in England seems, for now, to have brought some stability to the domestic scene.

Even before UEFA's formal response on the admittance of Welsh clubs to European competition, Ton Pentre AFC had been included in the Intertoto Cup draw, and strengthened their squad by signing central defender Jim Blackie from Cwmbran Town.

Barry Town are to go full-time from next season. With former Cardiff City manager Eddie May at the helm, their aim is to be challenging Bangor City for the title and winning a European place each season.

"We want a real go at winning everything. Football League players have to come in and the Konica League will continue to improve. I see it as a big step for the League," says May.

Support for the League also has come from John Toshack, now manager at Deportivo La Coruna. He said that the three Welsh clubs currently playing in English soccer should return to play in Wales as soon as possible.

"There is no future for them in the English system," said Toshack. "For any of them to do what Swansea City did in climbing to the top from Division Four in more or less straight succession is now impossible."

MEL AP IOR THOMAS

Northern Ireland

Euro lights go out

IT WAS a jaded and uninspiring performance by a Northern Ireland team lacking sufficient guile and skill to break down a well-drilled Latvian defence

At the 2-1 defeat at Windsor Park, only 6,000 fans watched incredulously as a second-half Latvian revival finally scuppered fading hopes of qualification for the 1996 European Championship finals. It was made all the more galling by the fact that the Republic of Ireland lost 3-1 at home to Austria four days later.

If the North had beaten Latvia, interest would still be alive. Now Northern Ireland play only a spoiling role, with an away match against Portugal and a home fixture against Austria to come.

After only just scraping into the last place in the new Premier League, Bangor appointed 42-year-old Paul Malone as manager. Malone left Ballyclare Comrades confessing that the lure of the top set-up was too big an attraction to turn down, though he and assistant Tony Bell will have their work cut out to keep the Seasiders in the top flight. Malone has been replaced at Ballyclare by 51-year-old Alan Campbell, rejoining the managerial merry-go-round after six years. He certainly does not lack experience. After a distinguished playing career he managed Glenavon, Ballymena (twice) and Distillery.

Cup-winners Linfield were shocked when their star striker Gary Haylock, announced that he was joining Portadown. The Blues, looking to make an assault on Crusaders' League title, will miss Haylock, who scored 15 of their 48 League goals last term.

There was consolation for enraged supporters when Linfield announced a couple of days later that their other striker, 30-year-old Dessie Gorman, had signed for two more years.

Ambitious Portadown, who finished third last season, have signed Bangor keeper Tim Dalton, and manager Ronnie McFall has announced an all-out assault on the League title which Portadown have won twice, in 1989-90 and 1990-91.

ROY KITSON

European qual

ALBANIA
Cup-winners Cup Teuta
UEFA Cup Tirana (*champions*), Partizani*

ARMENIA
Cup-winners Cup Ararat Yerevan
UEFA Cup Shirak Gyumri (*champions*)

AUSTRIA
Champions Cup Casino Salzburg
Cup-winners Cup Rapid Vienna
UEFA Cup Strum Graz, FK Austria

AZERBAIJAN
Cup-winners Cup TBC
UEFA Cup TBC (*champions*)

BELARUS
Cup-winners Cup TBC
UEFA Cup Minsk Dynamo or KIM Vitebsk

BELGIUM
Champions Cup Anderlecht
Cup-winners Cup Club Brugge
UEFA Cup Standard Liege, Lierse, Eendracht Aalst

BULGARIA
Cup-winners Cup Lok. Sofia
UEFA Cup Levski (*champions*), Slavia, Botev Plovdiv

CROATIA
Champions Cup Hajduk Split

CYPRUS
Cup-winners Cup Apoel
UEFA Cup Anorthosis (*champions*), Omonia

CZECH REPUBLIC
Cup-winners Cup Spartak Hradec Kralove
UEFA Cup Sparta Prague (*champions*), Slavia Prague

DENMARK
Champions Cup Aab Aalborg
Cup-winners Cup FC Copenhagen
UEFA Cup Brondby, Silkeborg

ENGLAND
Champions Cup Blackburn Rovers
Cup-winners Cup Everton
UEFA Cup Liverpool, Manchester United, Nottingham Forest, Leeds

ESTONIA
Cup-winners Cup Lantana or Trans Narva
UEFA Cup Lantana or Flora Tallinn

FAEROE ISLANDS
Cup-winners Cup KI
UEFA Cup GI (*champions*), HB

FINLAND
Cup-winners Cup HJK Helsinki
UEFA Cup TVP Tampere (*champions*), MyPa

FRANCE
Champions Cup Nantes
Cup-winners Cup Paris Saint-Germain
UEFA Cup Lyon, Lens, Auxerre, Monaco

GEORGIA
Cup-winners Cup Batumi*
UEFA Cup Tbilisi Dynamo* (*champions*), Samtredia*

GERMANY
Champions Cup Borussia Dortmund
Cup-winners Cup Borussia Monchengladbach
UEFA Cup Werder Bremen, SC Freiburg, Bayern Munich, Kaiserslautern

GREECE
Champions Cup Panathinaikos
Cup-winners Cup AEK Athens
UEFA Cup Olympiakos, Apollon

HOLLAND
Champions Cup Ajax
Cup-winners Cup Feyenoord
UEFA Cup Roda JC, PSV Eindhoven

HUNGARY
Champions Cup Ferencvaros
Cup-winners Cup Vac Samsung
UEFA Cup Ujpesti

ICELAND
Cup-winners Cup KR Reykjavik
UEFA Cup IA Akranes (*champions*), Hafnarfjor

ISRAEL
Champions Cup Maccabi Tel Aviv
Cup-winners Cup Maccabi Haifa
UEFA Cup Hapoel Beer-Sheba, Hapoel Tel Aviv

ITALY
Champions Cup Juventus
Cup-winners Cup Parma
UEFA Cup Lazio, Milan, AS Roma, Internazionale

Italian 'double' winners . . .

French Cup winners . . . Paris St Germain

LIECHTENSTEIN
Cup-winners Cup FC Vaduz

LITHUANIA
Cup-winners Cup Zhalgiris Vilnius
UEFA Cup Inkaras (*champions*)

LATVIA
Cup-winners Cup TBC
UEFA Cup Skonto Riga (*champions*)

LUXEMBOURG
Cup-winners Cup Grevenmacher
UEFA Cup Jeunesse Esch (*champions*), Union Luxembourg, Avenir Beggen

MACEDONIA
Cup-winners Cup Sileks
UEFA Cup Vardar Skopje (*champions*)

MALTA
Cup-winners Cup Valletta
UEFA Cup Hibernians (*champions*), Sliema Wanderers

MOLDOVA
Cup-winners Cup Tiligul
UEFA Cup Zimbru (*champion*

NORTHERN IRELAND
Cup-winners Cup Linfield
UEFA Cup Crusaders (*champions*), Glenavon

NORWAY
Champions Cup Rosenborg
Cup-winners Cup Molde
UEFA Cup Lillestrom, Viking Stavanger, Start Kristiansand

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English champions . . . Blackburn Rovers

Cup-winners Cup holders . . . Real Zaragoza

Champions Cup holders . . . Ajax

POLAND
Champions Cup Legia Warsaw
Cup-winners Cup GKS Katowice
UEFA Cup Widzew Lodz, Zaglebie Lubin

PORTUGAL
Champions Cup FC Porto
Cup-winners Cup Sporting Lisbon
UEFA Cup Benfica, Vitoria Guimaraes, Farense

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
Cup-winners Cup Derry City
UEFA Cup Dundalk (champions), Shelbourne

ROMANIA
Champions Cup Steaua Bucharest
Cup-winners Cup Petrolul Ploiesti
UEFA Cup Univ Craiova, Dinamo Bucharest

RUSSIA
Champions Cup Moscow Spartak
Cup-winners Cup Moscow Dynamo
UEFA Cup Rotor Volgograd, Moscow Lokomotiv, Spartak Vladikavkaz

SCOTLAND
Champions Cup Rangers
Cup-winners Cup Celtic
UEFA Cup Motherwell, Hibernian

SLOVAKIA
Cup-winners Cup Inter Bratislava
UEFA Cup Slovan Bratislava (*champions*), Spartak Trnava

SLOVENIA
Cup-winners Cup Mura Sobota
UEFA Cup Olympia (*champions*), Maribor Branik

SPAIN
Champions Cup Real Madrid
Cup-winners Cup Real Zaragoza, Deportivo La Coruna
UEFA Cup Sevilla, Barcelona, Real Betis

SWEDEN
Champions Cup IFK Gothenburg
Cup-winners Cup Halmstad
UEFA Cup Orebro, Malmo

SWITZERLAND
Champions Cup Grasshopper
Cup-winners Cup Sion
UEFA Cup Lugano, Neuchatel Xamax

TURKEY
Champions Cup Besiktas
Cup-winners Cup Trabzonspor
UEFA Cup Galatasaray, Fenerbahce

UKRAINE
Champions Cup Kiev Dynamo
Cup-winners Cup Shakhtyor Donetsk
UEFA Cup Chernomerets

WALES
Cup-winners Cup Wrexham
UEFA Cup Bangor City (*champions*), Afan Lido

YUGOSLAVIA
Cup-winners Cup Obilic
UEFA Cup Red Star Belgrade (*champions*), Partizan*
** = to be confirmed by UEFA*

INTERTOTO CUP

Group 1
FC Basel (Swi)
Sheffield Wednesday (Eng)
AGF Aarhaus (Den)
Gornik Zabrze (Pol)

Group 2
Osters (Swe)
Koln (Ger)
Tottenham Hotspur (Eng)
Lucerne (Swi)

Group 3
HB (Fi)
Univ. Cluj (Rom)
FC Aarau (Swi)
Tromso (Nor)

Group 4
Bekescsaba (Hun)
Uniao Leiria (Por)
Heerenveen (Hol)
Naestved (Den)

Group 5
Bohemians (Ire)
OB ODense (Den)
IFK Norrkoping (Swe)
HJK Helsinki (Fin)

Group 6
IBK Keflavik (Ice)
Metz (Fra)
Linzer ASK (Aut)
Partick Thistle (Sco)

Group 7
Kalev Parnu (Est)
Buducnost (Yug)
OFI Crete (Gre)
NEA Salamina (Cyp)

Group 8
Pogon Szczecin (Pol)
Cannes (Fra)
Becej (Yug)
Farul Constanta (Rom)

Group 9
FC Boby Brno (Cze)
Groningen (Hol)
Ceahlaul Peatra Neamt (Rom)
Etar Veliko Tarnovo (Bul)

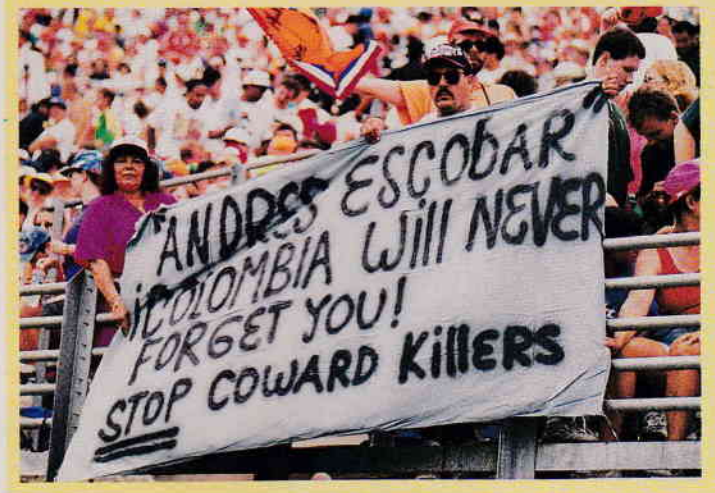
Group 10
Beitar Jerusalem (Isr)
Charleroi (Bel)
Wimbledon (Eng)
Bursaspor (Tur)

Group 11
Floriana (Mal)
FC Tirol (Aus)
Genclerbirligi (Tur)
Hapoel Petah Tikva (Isr)

Group 12
Spartak Plovdiv (Bul)
Eintracht Frankfurt (Ger)
Vorwarts Steyr (Aus)
Heraklis (Gre)

COLOMBIA

President quits in drugs scandal



THE PRESIDENT of Colombia's Soccer Federation has resigned after being linked with the leaders of drugs cartels.

Juan Jose Bellini claimed that he wanted "nothing to do with soccer" – just as the government ordered an investigation into the allegations.

These followed the discovery of photographs showing Bellini with men thought to be leaders of a drugs ring in Cali. Bellini admitted that he had spent time with the group but that the pictures had been taken years before any drugs involvement.

Two of the men in the group – brothers Miguel, a former director of Cali's America club and Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela – have been named as leaders of the cartel.

● UMBERTO MUNOZ has been jailed for 43 years on conviction of the murder of Andres Escobar, the Colombian defender who was shot dead after conceding an own goal in last year's World Cup. His two brothers were sentenced to 15 months for obstructing police investigations.

ARGENTINA

Ruggeri rolls back the years

SAN LORENZO edged past Gimnasia y Esgrima de la Plata to take the Argentina closing championship for the first time in 21 years.

A 1-0 win over Rosario Central on the last day enabled skipper Oscar Ruggeri and his men to finish a point clear of Gimnasia, who lost at home to Independiente by the same score.

Esteban Gonzales headed a late winner for San Lorenzo, after teammate Carlos Netto had missed a penalty.

Ruggeri has now won the title with three clubs, River Plate and Boca Juniors being the other two, as well as gaining a championship medal with Real Madrid and a World Cup medal with Argentina.

Gimnasia, seeking their first title since 1929, led by a point with two games to go, but their luck at last ran out after a remarkable sequence of four successive matches: a 1-0 win over Lanus with a goal two minutes from time, a 1-1 draw with Rosario Central with a last-minute equaliser, a 2-1 win over Racing Club with the winner four minutes from time and, the most bizarre of the lot, a 3-1 win over the bottom club, Argentinos Juniors, who were leading 1-0 with 10 minutes to go, but then had three penalties awarded against them, all converted.

Veteran coach Carlos Griguol, who had taken another modest team, FC Oeste, to two titles in the 1980s is well-known for defensive soccer and late goals but refuses to accept that there was any luck involved.

He does not believe in such things but of the three penalties, there was no doubt that one was doubtful at least, and one was deemed a wrong decision by most observers.

But San Lorenzo will not mind that now. It has been a long wait for the supporters at the Estadio Tomas Aldolfo Duco.

Velez Sarsfield, who beat the eventual champions with a goal from Jose Flores, finished third. River Plate, a sorry ninth, have sold their main defender, Roberto Ayala, and striker, Ariel Ortega (both internationals) to Italian clubs.

Boca Juniors never got going and are talking of forming an all-star team for next season now that Maradona is back. Independiente won last year's closing championship, the Supercup and more recently the Recopa, but never recovered from a bad spell, with two wins in 12 matches.

They keep getting rid of internationals – midfielder 'Perico' Perez and striker Sebastian Rambert were sold to European clubs and goalkeeper Luis Islas left following disagreements with the board and coach, Miguel Brindisi. Deportivo Espanol, with good teamwork and no stars, made a late surge up the table with a 6-2-1 record in their last nine games.

Two championships, opening and closing, are held each year in Argentina, with the clubs meeting once in each.

ERIC WEIL

Saying it with Flores . . . the Velez Sarsfield striker helped fire his team to third place

CLARO'S VISION

JORGE CLARO, president of Chilean vice-champions Universidad Catolica, has put forward a proposal for a South American Super League bringing together 32 of the continent's strongest clubs.

He also has a name for the trophy (Simon Bolivar Cup) and a sponsor (Coca-Cola) and the proposal has been well received by CONMEBOL, the continental federation.

The winners would receive £1million and the tournament would not replace either the Libertadores or the Supercup, but would do away with the CONMEBOL Cup [comparable with the UEFA Cup in Europe] which has not proved popular.

The 37 clubs mentioned as possible participants are . . .

Brazil: Botafogo, Flamengo, Fluminense, Vasco da Gama, Palmeiras, Corinthians, Sao Paulo, Santos, Cruzeiro, Mineiro, Internacional PA and Gremio.
Argentina: Boca Juniors, River Plate, Independiente, San Lorenzo and Racing Club.
Colombia: Deportivo Cali, America, Millonarios, Independiente Santa Fe, Independiete Medellin and Nacional.
Peru: Universitario, Alianza Lima and Sporting Cristal.
Uruguay: Penarol and Nacional.
Chile: Universidad Catolica, Universidad de Chile and Colo Colo.
Ecuador: Barcelona and Emelec.
Paraguay: Cerro Porteno and Olimpia.
Bolivia: Bolivar and The Strongest.

ROUND-ROBIN TIME

WHEN Velez Sarsfield became the 17th winners of the Libertadores Cup last year, to qualify for the Supercup, the draw became more complicated.

Well, things have changed again. Now Olimpia (Paraguay), Sao Paulo (Brazil) and Boca Juniors (Argentina) are to play a home and away round-robin [starting August 30] with the winner qualifying for the quarter-finals together with the winners of seven knock-out ties . . .

River Plate (Arg) v Penarol (Uru), Independiente (Arg) v Santos (Bra), Racing Club (Arg) v Gremio (Bra), Velez Sarsfield (Arg) v Flamengo (Bra), Estudiantes de la Plata (Arg) v Nacional (Uru), Argentinos Juniors (Arg) v Nacional (Col), Cruzeiro (Bra) v Colo Colo (Chile).

BRAZIL KIDS ON TOP

THE South American Under-17 Championship, which had been postponed several times, was finally held in Lima, Peru, with the two dominant forces in South American soccer again determining the title.

Brazil beat Argentina 1-0 in the deciding match, after they finished first and second respectively in the final round, to take the two qualifying places for the category's world championship, held in Ecuador.

IN PERU . . . the two-month winter break in the League championship could not have come at a better time for Universidad de Deportes, popularly known as 'U'.

After confounding their critics by taking an early lead, their season had begun to turn sour with a series of poor performances and problems on and off the pitch.

After losing 6-3 to arch-rivals Alianza Lima to surrender top spot, 'U' slumped to third, seven points behind Alianza.

Rumours of discontent surround the club, and captain Roberto Martinez was suspended for a month after refusing to attend pre-match preparations with the rest of the team.

The player certainly has had good reason for being distracted: his wedding to a TV talk-show queen received the sort of coverage that Britain normally reserves for royalty.

Cynics suggested that his subsequent suspension without wages, at a time when he would not have been playing anyway, was simply a way for the club to ease financial problems.

PETER HUDSON

IN URUGUAY . . . Penarol finished two points clear but had to forfeit them for disciplinary reasons and eventually they won the opening championship by beating Liverpool 2-0 in a play-off.

Pacheco and Silva scored in the last 15 minutes, the second coming after Penarol's Gutierrez was sent off.

IN ECUADOR . . . the police club, Espoli, won the opening tournament and will play in a top-four event with Liga Deportivo Universitario, Barcelona and Green Cross, for two places in next year's Libertadores Cup.

IN VENEZUELA . . . Caracas FC retained the title, a point ahead of Minerven in the six-team final round. Both qualify for next year's Libertadores Cup.

A court case, started by Maritimo, who were expelled from the final round because their stadium was not up to requirements, is pending.

IN PARAGUAY . . . Cerro Porteno won the national championship by beating Libertad 7-2 on aggregate in the final.

They have to play the First Division runners-up for a second Libertadores Cup place. Cerro Porteno were leading the top division after four games, with Olimpia (who did not take part in the national championship) sharing second place a point behind.

IN BOLIVIA . . . the qualifying tournament in two groups ended with the top two per group – Guabira, Oriente Petrolero, San Jose and The Strongest – due to play for the title.

ERIC WEIL

BRAZIL

Corinthians to the rescue

CORINTHIANS rescued Brazilian football from disaster when they won the Copa Brazil by beating Gremio, the undisputed villains of the competition, in the final.

Gremio's over-physical approach went against everything which Brazil is supposed to stand for. They also resurrected the old, sinister tactic frequently used through South America in the 1970s and early 1980s of intimidating players and officials visiting their Olimpico stadium in Porto Alegre.

Almost every match in the Olimpico was interrupted by a brawl in which club directors and local security men took part. The slightest altercation between a Gremio player and an opponent was a cue for dozens of locally-appointed security men and police to run on to the pitch and get involved.

Gremio also relied on brute force for their goals, lofting high balls into the penalty area for six-foot striker Jardel, signed on loan from Vasco da Gama after fans there had hounded him out of the club.

Porto Alegre is in the deep south of Brazil, where the culture and people are more European than elsewhere in the country. The same goes for football and, like arch-rivals Internacional, Gremio's style has often been more similar to their neighbours in the River Plate countries than the rest of Brazil.

Under manager Luis Felipe Scolari, however, the team went totally over the top. Scolari, who during his playing days was one of Brazil's most unforgiving – and mediocre – defenders, built the team very much in his own image. During the semi-final with Flamengo, Scolari was sent off after punching his counterpart Vanderlei Luxemburgo.

Gremio had three players shown the red card in the first half of a second round, second leg game against Palmeiras but still survived to hang on for a 2-2 draw.

They spent most of the semi-final tie with Flamengo bullying Savio, the Rio team's best player. Midfielder Dinho got his marching orders in the first leg for an especially crude challenge on Savio, while left-back Roger was dismissed in the second leg for laying into Maurinchinho.

The first leg of the final away to Corinthians was interrupted 62 times by fouls with Vagner Mancini adding to Gremio's collection of red cards for a mindless foul on Marcelinho, Corinthians' most skilful player. Corinthians won 2-1.

A war of words preceded the second leg but courageous refereeing by Marcio Resende de Freitas, who showed six yellow cards in the first 35 minutes and disallowed a late Gremio goal, and a resolute Corinthians performance foiled Gremio. A second half goal by Marcelinho gave Corinthians a 3-1 aggregate win and the title, but not before yet another mindless brawl.

It began with a flair-up between two players in the Corinthians penalty area. The riot police and security men ran on to the field and during the melee one man attempted to punch the referee.

The Copa Brazil, which involves the winners of the previous year's state championships, was given a higher profile this year than previously with better crowds and more publicity.

Rio de Janeiro's two representatives were supposed to be the winners of the state championship (Vasco da Gama) and the champions of another tournament called the Copa Rio, in which the big teams often put out reserve sides, at least in the early stages.

Volta Redonda, one of the minor sides, upset the applecart by unexpectedly winning the Copa Rio. The Rio Federation suddenly changed the rules, deciding that the second place in the Copa Brazil would instead go to the runners-up in the state championship – who happened to be Flamengo, the best-supported club in the country.

While Corinthians were busy slaying the evil dragon in the Copa Brazil, justice was also done in the Rio de Janeiro championship where Fluminense won the title for the first time since 1986.

The eight-team final stage went right to the last game between Flamengo and Fluminense. Flamengo needed only a draw to take the title in the decisive game and fought back from two goals behind to level the scores at 2-2, with 10 minutes left. But with four minutes to go, veteran winger Renato Portaluppi settled the game for Fluminense when he deflected Ailton's shot into the net.

Fluminense won despite having three players sent off in the second half. Flamengo also had one man dismissed.

Flamengo benefitted from too many dubious refereeing decisions for comfort during their campaign and relied heavily on the goals of Romario, who finished with 26 goals, one less than Botafogo's Tulio, and the inconsistent brilliance of Savio.

Corinthian spirit . . . Marcelinho, the main man in the Copa Brazil

The less said about the Sao Paulo championship the better. Sixteen teams played each other twice merely to determine the eight teams who would qualify for the second round. Sao Paulo, Corinthians, Santos, Guarani, Portuguesa and Palmeiras qualified along with Uniao Sao Joao and Mogi Mirim.

The decisive stages of the competition coincide with the Copa America – which means the best players, such as Roberto Carlos of Palmeiras and Juninho of Sao Paulo, will be on international duty.

BRIAN HOMEWOOD

MEN IN THE NEWS

Diego is inocente!

AFTER weeks of negotiations – which filled pages of newspapers every day – **DIEGO MARADONA** is back with Boca Juniors as a player-coach. Much was made of a possible contract with Pele's marketing firm in Brazil, where Maradona would have become player-coach of Santos, but that club's players and board were never keen and the deal fell through.

Part of the reason may have been his demanding £10million to sign a 28-month contract: Santos were willing to pay no more than £2.6million.

At home, Newell's Old Boys wanted Diego as a player, although he had left them in the lurch in 1993 after only playing a few games for them, as did Boca Juniors. But Maradona the coach has not exactly set the world alight, starting last year with little joy at lowly Deportivo Mandiyu where one of the players said: "With Maradona we had great parties and I often went home with a hangover, but we scored few goals and never won a game." Actually, they won one in 11.

When Maradona moved to Racing Club, he missed more training sessions than he attended and when he left – again after putting up some excuse – the team began winning.

Finally Maradona, 35 in October, accepted Boca's offer – "only" £3.3million for two years – to return to the club he has supported all his life, and for whom he played one season in 1981 when they won the championship. But he still insists on becoming a player-coach. First he said he would not play under current coach Silvio Marzolini, then changed his mind, but Marzolini's position is now in doubt. Maradona's drugs ban from last year's World Cup finishes in September and Boca Juniors are talking of forming an all-star team, including Claudio Caniggia. Meanwhile, a novel entitled *Inocente* [innocent] has recently been published in Argentina which suggests that the great man's expulsion from the World Cup was the result of a plot by the CIA, who were upset because he had spoken so highly of Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

Back on planet Earth, **PELE**'s 1,000th goal was not scored against Flamengo goalkeeper Edgardo Andrada on November 19, 1969, as soccer historians would have us believe. According to a Brazilian newspaper, which undertook a three-month investigation, the goal was scored a few days earlier, from a penalty against Botafogo of Paraiba. The error is attributed to the fact that this was a midweek match re-scheduled at the last moment, Santos were winning 2-0 after 68 minutes when they were awarded a penalty. Pele scored, but did not know at the time that it was his 1,000th goal.

Argentina defender **ROBERTO AYALA** has moved from River Plate to Parma in Italy for £2million.

CARLOS BORJA, the veteran Bolivian defender, received a death threat from New York from an organisation calling itself Pro-Bolivia (which denies involvement) telling him he would be killed if he played for the national team again. A few days later Borja, 36, had an outstanding game for Bolivia in the 0-0 draw with Paraguay in Asuncion for the annual Paz del Chaco Cup.

Tomorrow's World Cup stars

Paul Gardner on the Under-17 World Cup in Ecuador

TWO years ago, the Under-17 World Cup came to its climax with a final between Nigeria and Ghana. For many, it was a glimpse of things to come, the rehearsal for a future all-African final in the World Cup itself.

The young African players were at times breathtaking. One, Nigeria's Nwankwo Kanu, still a teenager, has of course quickly made his mark in Europe with Ajax.

The Under-17 tournament has its problems. The smouldering issue of age-cheating is ever present. FIFA have done just about all they can to ensure integrity, threatening severe punishment for violations (including banishment from the senior World Cup, as happened to Mexico in 1990 after they were found guilty of using over-age players at the Under-20 level), and by ruling that players cannot play in more than one World Cup at a given age level.

Nor can it be said that the tournament is a major box-office attraction. Only the semi-finals and the final – and games involving the home team – draw five-figure crowds.

It may not be a money-maker, though it is sponsored by the Japanese electronics firm JVC, and is subsidised by FIFA, but the football in all five competitions since the first in China in 1985, has been superb.

What it brings is a refreshing view of the sport as played by youngsters. A game that is usually more attractive to watch than that produced by the professionals. Less emphasis on defence, more individual brilliance, less tactical rigidity, better sportsmanship.

All this despite misgivings that the tournament would put too much pressure on the boys. This has proved an unwarranted fear – except possibly as far as the home team are concerned. Earlier this year, Eduardo Rivero, the Bolivian who coaches host Ecuador's youngsters, received telephoned death threats. In 1991 the Italian youngsters, clearly unnerved by the smothering attention paid to them by the local press, played poorly and were eliminated in the first round.

Traditional World Cup powers do not rule at this level. None of them have ever won the title. Only the ex-Soviet Union has won for Europe, while no South American team has finished higher than in third place. This is evidently a tournament for the emerging soccer nations.

For that reason, one of the most interesting teams in this year's competition is Japan. Hosts in 1993, the Japanese reached the quarter-finals, where they went down 2-1 to the eventual winners Nigeria. Since then, the Japanese seniors – 2-1 losers to England at Wembley in the recent Umbro Cup – have shown that Japanese football can be taken seriously.

If the younger soccer countries sparkle, the same cannot be said of the Europeans. Their teams in the 1993 tournament (Italy, Czech Republic and Poland) looked dull an predictable, lacking in individual sta Terms that suggest a bleak future fo European soccer.

FIFA U-17 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
ECUADOR 1995

Group A (Quito)
Ecuador USA Ghana Jap
Group B (Cuenca)
Argentina Portugal Costa Rica Gui
Group C (Riobamba)
Nigeria Qatar Australia Sp
Group D (Ibarra)
Brazil Germany Oman Cana

First round games: August 3 - 9
Quarter-finals: August 12 & 13
Semi-finals: August 17 (in Porto Viejo and Guayaquil)
Final: August 20 (in Guayaquil)

Angola on the rise

ANGOLA is potentially one of Africa's richest countries, blessed with large tracts of fertile soil, a rich harvest of diamonds and a booming oil industry.

But most of that bounty goes to fight a civil war that has characterised the country since its independence from Portugal 20 years ago.

Naturally, sport has suffered as a result and Angola's obvious potential has not been realised, particularly on the soccer field.

Now, ceasefires between the government and UNITA rebels, on and off for two years, have brought the giant central Africa country a measure of peace – and with it some success for the national soccer team. They stand a good chance of qualifying for next year's African Nations Cup, to be held in South Africa – a country whose soldiers were once involved in the civil strife in Angola.

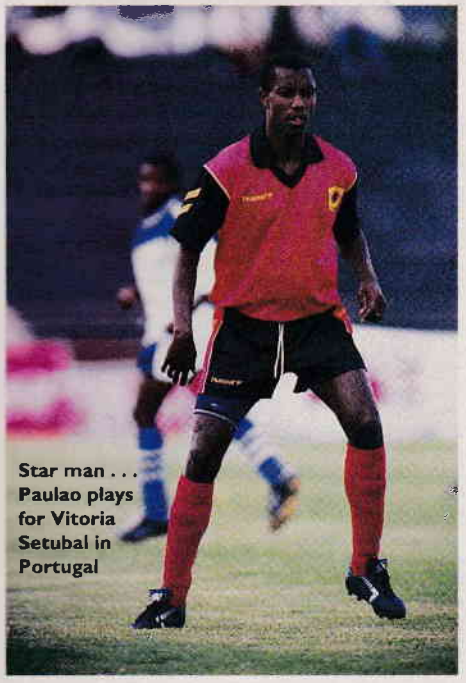
National team coach Carlos Alhinho, a former Portuguese international, says: "We have a very tough group with some strong teams, like Guinea, Mali and Mozambique. There are just a few points separating us and it will be tough to qualify."

Alhinho, who was the first to achieve the distinction of playing for Benfica, Sporting and Porto, the top sides in Portugal, adds: "It's very important for the country to qualify. People in Angola love football but they have never had a chance to go the Nations Cup finals."

Angola did not even participate in the last series of qualifiers, for the 1994 finals in Tunisia, electing to spend their meagre resources on an attempt to reach the World Cup finals in the United States.

"The national team have never done anything before, and have never been motivated before," says Alhino, who believes the rise of the new-look senior side has much to do with the emergence of a talented group of youngsters at junior level.

"We had a good campaign with our Under-20 side, losing only on penalties to Cameroon, who went on to win the African championship and qualify for the world championships in Qatar. Six or seven of those youngsters are now in the national team."



Star man . . . Paulao plays for Vitoria Setubal in Portugal

They include Fabrice Mateus, a 17-year-old better known as Akwa, dubbed the new Eusebio at Benfica.

"He really loves his football," says Alhinho. "He got seven goals in six matches for the Under-20 team and has a lot of potential. He could lead us to a place in the next World Cup in France."

Akwa will be hoping to achieve the feats of his compatriot Vata Garcia, who was the leading scorer in Europe and played in the 1990 European Cup Final for Benfica against PSV.

Angola now, for the first time, can call on a good selection of players based in Portugal, including several in the First Division. Jony (Salgueiros), Amadeu (Sporting Espinho) and Luisinho (Sporting Braga), Paulao (Vitoria Setubal) bring new confidence to the team.

Last year, Primiero Agosto from Luanda reached the final of the CAF Cup, the first team from Angola to make it to the decider of any African club competition.

Now the First Division of 14 clubs draws teams from seven cities. Some Zairian imports have added a touch of international flavour, with Petro Atletico's Kabongo voted Footballer of the Year in 1994.

"We think we have a good team and we're confident we are going places," says Alhinho.

ANGOLA'S FIRST DIVISION

Academica Lobito (Benguela)
AS Aviacao (Luanda)
Cabina (Cabinda)
Eka (Dondo)
Independiente Tomba (Namibie)
Nacional Benguela (Benguela)
Petro Atletico (Luanda)
Petro Huambo (Huambo)
Primiero Agosto (Luanda)
Primiero Maio (Benguela)
Progresso (Luanda)
Sol Angola (Namibie)
Sporting Luanda (Luanda)
Sporting Lubango (Lubango)

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CENTRAL AFRICA

ANGOLA

RUI TEXEIRA, a former national coach, has been dismissed as coach of Primiero Maio after the club's elimination from the CAF Cup. His place has been taken by Jose Ropcha.

MALAWI

YASSINE OSMAN has taken over from Mathias Mwende as national team coach. Mwende was fired after the team lost at home to Zaire in an African Nations Cup qualifier earlier this year.

EAST AFRICA

KENYA

THE East and Central African youth tournament has been resurrected after a 14-year hiatus. Ethiopia won the tournament staged in Mombasa with a 3-2 win in the final over Tanzania. Uganda beat Zanzibar 2-0 in the third place play-off.

UGANDA

UEB are the new League leaders, four points ahead of Nakivubo Villa. Defending champions Express are eight points off the pace in third place, but have four games in hand. UEB's Ibrahim Kizito is the leading goalscorer with 14.

NORTH AFRICA

ALGERIA

RABAH MADJER has been fired as coach of Algeria, despite having virtually assured the country of a place in next January's Nations Cup finals. Madjer, who scored in Porto's 1987 Champions Cup Final victory, has returned to the Portuguese champions as general manager. He was replaced after the defeat by Sudan and the home draw against Uganda in the qualifiers. His replacement is 43-year-old Ali Fergani. JS Kabylie have won the championship by five points from Mouloudia Oran. GC Mascara, NA Hussein Dey and ASO Chief have been relegated.

EGYPT

FORMER national coach Mohamed Gohari, who was in charge at the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy and last year's African Nations Cup, has left for Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates, where he will coach Al Wahdah.

MOROCCO

MOROCCO have put their names forward as candidates to host the African Youth Championships in 1997. Gambia were originally down to host the event, but later withdrew.

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN Spurs set a record when they clocked up their 30th unbeaten match in the First Division championship. The team are also top of the championship, ahead of Kaizer Chiefs and Mamelodi Sundowns. South Africa will host a Four Nations Cup in December with Nigeria, Egypt and Ivory Coast the likely guests. The matches will be played in Pretoria, Port Elizabeth and Johannesburg.

ZIMBABWE

THE draw has been made for the Under-23 tournament at the All-Africa Games in Harare. The host country will play in group A with Congo, Egypt and Zambia. Group B comprises Algeria, Guinea, Mauritius and Nigeria.

WEST AFRICA

BENIN

NEW national coach Idriss Biotchane got a harsh lesson in his first game in charge when Benin went down 7-0 to Gabon in a friendly in Libreville. In the League, Atlantique Requins have a healthy eight-point lead over Energie with three rounds left.

BURKINA FASO

GHANAIAN coach Justice Moore has taken over from compatriot Abdul Razek as coach of ASFA Yennega. The team are top of the League, four points ahead of Etoile Filante.

GHANA

GOLDFIELDS won their postponed African Champions Cup tie against Stade Malien by a slender 1-0 aggregate margin.

LIBERIA

NATIONAL team goalkeeper Anthony Tokpah has been on trial in France at Paris Saint-Germain. Tokpah's registration is held by South African club Manning Rangers, although he has not played for them for two seasons.

MALI

GHANA won the inaugural African Under-17 championship, held in Bamako, with a 3-1 final win in extra time over Nigeria. Both countries qualify for the world championships in Ecuador along with Guinea, who took third place in the tournament with a 2-1 extra time win over the hosts.

NIGERIA

JULIUS BERGER made up for some of the huge disappointment for Nigerian clubs in this year's African club competitions by reaching the quarter-finals of the African Cup-winners Cup. They beat Mali's AS Nianan 8-1 on aggregate. Julius Berger are third in the title race, behind Shooting Stars and second-placed Rangers International. Eendracht Aalst's Godwin Okpara was named the best African player in the Belgian League. He also celebrated a recall to the national team.

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Ihara on a high

EVERYONE now knows about Kazuyoshi Miura, but ask Japanese journalists about the pride of their football and the name on all lips is Masami Ihara.

Not just because of his 62nd-minute goal at Wembley, which found the England defence totally wrong-footed. He has been there for the past six years.

The fans agree. Every year, when they vote to select the players to appear in the annual All-Star match, Ihara tops the list. The J.League's opinion polls place Ruy Ramos, Miura, Nobuhiro Takeda and Masashi Nakayama higher in terms of general popularity. They hog the headlines. But for fans who bother to send in postcards to vote, quiet-spoken Ihara is first choice.

He was chosen for the national team at the 1988 Kirin Cup. He won his first full cap against UAE that same year, while still at university, and became the Japan Soccer League's New Player of the Year after joining Nissan in 1990.

Ihara played 52 consecutive 'A' matches for his country until suspension for a single game in the World Cup qualifiers. The Umbro Cup has brought his national team tally to 77 caps, three short of Satoshi Tsunami's record.

And he is still only 27.

At Nissan, now Yokohama Marinos, Ihara made his name as a libero. Many called him the best in Asia. And while England now know about his heading ability, he has also scored with some dramatic long shots in his international career.

The most recent was the late equaliser against South Korea in the quarter-final of the Asian Games. The joy was shortlived, for in the dying seconds Ihara also gave away the penalty which presented the Koreans with their 3-2 win – a harsh decision by the referee which received scant support from the video replays.

Ihara is no stranger to the agonies of defeat. He also deflected the shot which gave England their first goal at Wembley. But he has been there for the great moments of contemporary Japanese football: the wins in the Asian Cup, the Afro-Asian Cup, the AFC Marlboro Dynasty Cup (twice) and the Kirin Cup (twice).

Ironically, Ihara joined Nissan in the season after their final Japan Soccer League championship, at the end of their golden era. He chose the club because he wanted to play under Brazilian Oscar, then manager, as well as with national team stars of the 1980s such as Kazushi Kimura and Takashi Mizunuma.

The party had passed its climax, but Ihara became the key man of a Nissan defence which has served the national team well, alongside Tetsuji Hashiratani, Toshinobu Katsuya and keeper Shigetatsu Matsunaga.

Wembley delight . . . Ihara's goal against England

Ihara has made do with plenty of cup medals at the club level, including the 1991 and 1992 Asian Cup-winners' Cups. The J.League title has remained elusive but this year could be the one, with Marinos making their strongest challenge yet.

That would be a grand vindication for Ihara, who resisted the temptations of a much higher salary at Verdy Kawasaki to stay loyal to this team. Tetsuji Hashiratani, the national team captain, left Marinos for Verdy, but Ihara and then national team keeper Shigetatsu Matsunaga opted to remain.

"I joined Nissan because I liked the club," Ihara said at the time.

"I liked the colour of their shirts, the organisation, and the people. They had just won the triple crown. And the club said they wanted me to be their key player."

MIKE PLASTOW & MICHI ISHIJIM

Rising sons

THE best news for Japan to come out of the Umbro Cup was the fine performance of the youngsters: Naoki Soma, Akira Narahashi, Kazuaki Tasaka and Hiroshige Yanagimoto in defence, and midfielders Hiroaki Morishima and Toshiya Fujita.

Soma of Kashima Antlers made his debut against Ecuador in the Kirin Cup and already seems to have made the problem left-back position his own.

His sparkling performance against Brazil lingers in the mind, in particular one cross to Masashi Nakayama that should have been put away. Soma's talent is no news to Japanese fans, but this year especially he has learned a lot from team-mates Leonardo and Jorginho.

Narahashi stood in so effectively for Hiroshige Yanagimoto at right-back that Yanagimoto, the star on the overlap of February's AFC Marlboro Dynasty Cup, had to be satisfied with a place on the bench.

Narahashi's own overlapping talents were on full display against England and Sweden, while against Brazil, out of necessity, he also proved how he can concentrate on defence. Tasaka likewise stood in bravely in central defence for the suspended Tetsuji Hashiratani against Brazil.

Morishima, whose debut was in the Kirin Cup against Scotland, proved against England and Brazil that he has the lungs and positioning sense to do the work of two players. And Fujita, who made his debut in the AFC Marlboro Dynasty Cup, celebrated with his second goal in three internationals by netting the opener in the Sweden game.

Their impressive performances enabled Japan to match both England and Sweden.

In view of the non-availability of Japan's most brilliant passer and dribbler, Masakiyo Maezono, on duty as captain of the Olympic team, and of others in the Olympic squad, the prospects look bright.

While the national team played in England, the Olympic team proved their class in the first qualifying round of the Asian tournament, winning 5-0 away and 1-0 at home against the fancied Thai team and brushing Chinese Taipei aside, 4-1 and 6-0.

Some of the Under-20 side who reached the quarter-final of this year's FIFA world championship in Qatar also should be ready for France.

Bellmare Hiratsuka's 18-year-old midfielder, Hidetoshi Nakata, is already a key player in his team's challenge for this year's Suntory Series.

If proof was needed that the J.League is not all hype, it has been given. Just two years since it began, Japan's young sons are rising in every age group of the game.

MIKE PLASTOW & MICHI ISHIJIMA

Rising star . . . defender Hiroshige Yanagimoto

Kazu comes home

KAZUYOSHI MIURA played his last match for Genoa in Yokohama, against his Japanese club Verdy Kawasaki – then confirmed that he will return to Verdy for the start of the J.League's second stage, despite an approach from Sporting Lisbon.

The contract, worth an estimated $1.5million, is for one year only, so the door is still open for another overseas adventure.

"I thought about it a lot," said Kazu. "I still want to play abroad. I have experienced the high quality of football in Europe, and hope to play there again. But I have chosen Verdy, and I will try my best."

Kazu's Italian adventure was not quite the success of the spell in Brazil that preceded it. He broke a cheekbone in the first League match of his one-year loan, and did not play again in Serie A until November 20.

Genoa had slipped into trouble by then and Kazu was unable to help them back out. His final tally was one goal (against Sampdoria in the Genoa derby) in 21 appearances, and his club eventually lost their relegation play-off on the weekend that Kazu was helping Japan to a 2-2 draw with Sweden in the Umbro Cup in England.

Genoa's nightmare weekend continued with the flight straight out to Japan for the game in Yokohama. Kazu, Tetsuji Hashiratani and Tsuyoshi Kitazawa braved jet lag by returning directly from England.

Hashiratani and Kitazawa, showing no exhaustion, helped Verdy to breeze to a 4-0 win. The goals came from promising 22-year-old stopper Kentaro Hayashi, Alcindo, Bismarck and national team captain Hashiratani. Poor Kazu, in the Genoa strip, hardly got a touch.

Verdy are in the doldrums in the J.League. The overall champions of 1993 and 1994 are already out of the race for this year's first stage, the Suntory Series. They hope that Kazu can lift them back to their third straight second stage victory and a place in the championship final.

Kazu, meanwhile, went to Brazil in June for training and to renew his permanent residence permit. That private training continued in July on the hot southern Japanese island of Okinawa.

Despite an up-and-down year, 28-year-old Kazu is optimistic and already looking ahead to 1998. "This is a good age for a footballer," he says.

"I'd like to be the kind of player who is complete at about 30 or 31. I am now at the foot of the peak. Things should be interesting from here."

MIKE PLASTOW & MICHI ISHIJIMA

Home boy . . . the Italian job is over for Kazu

Grampus win three-way title

WHILE Japan's national team were performing heroics at the Umbro Cup in England, Nagoya Grampus Eight raised a few eyebrows by winning the Pepsi Cup in Japan.

The stakes were not of the same order, but the round-robin success confirmed that Grampus are doing something right. Paris Saint-Germain and Kashima Antlers were the others involved, and all three won one match.

The Pepsi Cup was started in 1993, together with the J.League. Last year's tournament provided the stage for Zico's grand farewell against Flamengo. This year, Arsene Wenger's French connections provided the main opposition.

Grampus started well. Tetsuya Okayama put them two up at the break in the opener against Antlers, but a second-half hat-trick by Yoshiyui Hasegawa gave Kashima the 3-2 win.

The upset was in the second match, when goals by Okayama and Tetsuhira Kina led Grampus to a 2-0 win over Paris Saint-Germain.

In the final game, the 33,843 fans who packed the Tokyo Dome saw Hasegawa put Antlers in front in the third minute with a header from Toshiyuki Abe's inswinging corner.

Pascal Nouma replied in the 12th and 18th, Abe levelled the score in the 27th, then Nouma nodded home for his hat-trick in the 32nd minute.

And that was how it stayed, 3-2 to Paris Saint-Germain, with the cup going to Grampus on goal difference.

MIKE PLASTOW & MICHI ISHIJIMA

Tokyo tussle . . . Grampus' Stojkovic in action against PSG

Hugo's record haul

HUGO MARADONA has set a record in Japanese first-class football by scoring in nine consecutive games.

Maradona, Diego's 26-year-old brother, is currently top scorer in the Japan Football League with 16 goals, and his club Fukuoka Blux, seem to be racing towards full J.League membership next year.

Hugo has formed a mighty partnership with Yoshiyuki Takemoto and Pedro Troglio, who played for Argentina in the 1990 World Cup. Blux have scored 38 goals in those first nine games.

Otsuka are in second place, also with nine victories. They have scored only 20 goals, but kept a clean sheet for their first eight matches.

Meanwhile the J.League's top teams are reeling from one embarrassment to the next as the Suntory Series nears it climax.

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA, who had scored 23 goals in five games, conceded four against both Nagoya Grampus Eight and Jubilo Iwata. Only a 3-1 win over Urawa Red Diamonds has kept them well placed.

KASHIMA ANTLERS won only on penalties against Cerezo Osaka, followed by a 3-2 home defeat to lowly Yokohama Flugels and a 3-1 loss to Verdy Kawasaki.

Even the leaders, **YOKOHAMA MARINOS**, stumbled in defence, conceding six goals in three games.

GRAMPUS EIGHT and **VERDY KAWASAKI**, meanwhile, are ascending the table like bullets. Grampus have won eight of their last 11 games, after losing seven of the first eight. The first-stage title is surely out of reach with only seven games remaining, but both teams are playing a spoiling role.

So what is turning the J.League upside down?

YOKOHAMA MARINOS have their excuses. As reported last month, manager Jorge Solari's shake-up led to the departure of Argentinian striker Ramon Diaz and national team keeper Shigetatsu Matsunaga, who has joined Tosu Futures in the Japan Football League. But nobody could have predicted the next one to go: Solari.

He left for Argentina to visit his sick mother, then collapsed with a gastric ulcer and resigned without returning to the team. Two other Argentinian coaches – one of them Solari's son – promptly quit the club, too.

Marinos appointed 39-year-old Hiroshi Hayano, a former Nissan midfielder, to take over.

KASHIMA ANTLERS' main excuse is the absence of Brazilians Leonardo and Jorginho.

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA were unlucky to come up against much improved Nagoya Grampus Eight, when without first-choice keeper Nobuyuki Kojima, who broke a finger at the Umbro Cup.

Verdy found nothing going right after they released Brazilian defender Capitao, but now have discovered the answer in Kentaro Hayashi.

● BRAZIL'S world cup captain, Dunga, is expected to make his debut for Jubilo Iwata in an exhibition match against Lazio on August 2.

MIKE PLASTOW & MICHI ISHIJIMA

HONG KONG

Eastern facing fraud charge

EASTERN'S domination of Hong Kong football looks to be over after sensational end-of-season events that resulted in the break-up of their squad and reports of match rigging.

Eastern duly won their third successive First Division championship, with a 3-1 defeat of Sing Tao, amid allegations of fixing by second-placed South China's supremo, Albert Hung.

These allegations prompted the general secretary of the Asia Football Confederation, Peter Velappan, to ask the Hong Kong FA to investigate. Hung believes that South China's title challenge was hindered by poor refereeing, bad administration by the FA and gambling.

Rangers won their second knockout trophy of the season by beating Eastern 3-0 in the FA Cup, with two goals by Leung Kam-fai and one by Bulgarian Dimitri Kalkanov. Immediately after the game Eastern's manager Peter Leung announced his resignation, blaming the way in which the Hong Kong FA was run.

Then Eastern's owner, Lam Kin-ming, said that his company would be reducing their sponsorship of the team next season by a substantial amount.

This precipitated the break-up of Hong Kong's most successful team of recent years

TAI WAI CHEUNG

• ARMANDO QUEIROS MANUEL, known as Mandinho, returned to Hong Kong to steer Macau to the Interport Cup with a 2-1 victory at Mongkok Stadium.

Mandinho, an Angolan who used to play for Instant-Dict in the Hong Kong League but was frequently given a rough ride by the spectators, set up both goals against the Hong Kong Olympic team.

JEREMY WALKER

SAUDI ARABIA

Lazaroni inspires Al Hilal

Brazilian manager Sebastiao Lazaroni *(left)* **stirred Al Hilal to only their second King's Cup success ever, the first one being 31 years ago.**

World Cup striker Sami Al-Jaber's glancing header in the 46th minute was enough for his side to dispose of their capital rivals, Al Riyadh SC, in a highly-entertaining derby.

Al Riyadh SC have the chance to take revenge when the teams meet twice in the play-off for the League title. Al Ittifaq (runners-up) and Al Nasr (4th and reigning champions) contest the other place in the final.

Al Nasr are in advanced talks with Frenchman Jean Fernandez after dismissing his countryman Henri Michel. Fernandez guided the side to the title last season. *MOHAMED CHBARO*

Winner . . . World Cup striker Sami Al-Jaber

ASIAN CUP

Koreans pull out

NORTH KOREA have stunned Asian football circles by deserting the continent's top competition, the Asian Cup, because of political problems.

A record 37 out of 44 member nations of the Asian Football Confederation will participate in 11th Asian Cup, which started in 1956 with only six nations.

In the qualifying rounds between January-August, 35 teams figure in 10 groups. Hosts UAE and holders Japan qualify direct into the 12-team finals, to be held in December.

Group 1– South Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, Guam. 2 – China, Hong Kong, Macao, Philippines. 3 – Singapore, Thailand, Maldives, Myanmar. 4 – Malaysia, Indonesia, India. 5 – Iran, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Oman. 6 – Bangladesh, Iraq, Pakistan, Jordan. 7 – Qatar, Syria, Kazakhstan. 8 – Uzbekistan, Bahrain, Tadjikistan. 9 – Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Kyrgyzstan. 10 – Kuwait, Lebanon, Turkmenistan.

AZAM MAHMOOD

OMAN

Venglos will help out

JOZEF VENGLOS, who coached Czechoslovakia at the 1990 World Cup finals, is going to be helping Oman.

The country will host the 13th Gulf Cup in 1996, having had three different European managers on their list. They sacked Iranian Heshmat Mohajarani in February this year after their dismal showing at the 12th Gulf Cup.

Venglos, one of FIFA's most highly respected coaching advisers, will have more time available after a reduction in his national team responsibilities in his native Slovakia. Back home, Jozef Jankech, of Slovan Bratislava, has been appointed new overall chief coach of Slovakia.

MOHAMED CHBARO

Our man in Oman . Venglos in the fram

MALDIVES

VALENCIA are on course to win the Premier Division, holding a four-point advantage over New Radiant after nine of the 15 rounds. Valencia also beat Radiant 1-0 in the Cup Final.

New Radiant had some consolation in the ninth POMIS (President of Maldives Invitational Soccer) Cup with a 4-2 defeat of Victory in the final. Victory had eliminated Valencia 6-7 on penalties in the semi-final.

MYANMAR

RANGOON State won the Tiger Beer championship by beating Sagaing Zone 2-1 in the final in front of 15,000 fans at the Aung San Stadium in Yangon.

There were 64 clubs in eight zonal competitions between mid-January and March – the first time in the history of Myanmar football that a virtual nationwide league had been organised.

The semi-finals and final were broadcast live and attracted over 20 million viewers.

NEPAL

MAHENDRA Police Club beat RCT 4-1 in an all-Nepal final of the Rupak Memorial International Football Tournament.

VIETNAM

HO CHI MINH CITY POLICE won the National Championship with an impressive 3-1 victory over Thua Thien-Hue in the final in their home city.

Preparations are now in hand for the 18th South East Asian (SEA) Games in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in December.

Vietnam's German head coach, Karl Heinz Weigang, selected 24 players for the national squad. They will tour Switzerland, Germany and South Korea for a series of training matches.

JEREMY WALKER

IRAQ

AL ZAWRAA clinched the League title for the 10th time in their history following their 2-1 win against 4th-placed Talaba before a capacity 50,000 in Baghdad.

They finished with 120 points, 13 ahead of joint-runners up Air Force and Al Najar. Al Zawraa completed a remarkable double a week later disposing of 'The Army' (Al Jaish) 3-1 in the Cup Final. The 1995/96 Premiership Division will feature only 10 clubs – the remaining 14 sides will compete in Division 1.

LEBANON

SAFA'S 1-0 win over favourites Homenmen in the 1994/95 Cup semi-finals heralded their arrival on the Asian stage for the first time.

Newly-crowned league champions Al Ansar had defeated Harakat Al-Shabab 2-0 a day earlier in the other semi-final.

Safa will represent Lebanon in the 1996 Asian Cup-winners Cup even if they lose the Final to Al Aansar, the local Champions Cup representatives. The sides have contested two finals in the past; Safa won 1-0 in 1986, while Al Ansar took sweet revenge in 1990, winning 3-2.

QATAR

DANE Jorgen Larson, who coached Al Rayyan to the 1994/95 League championship and the 'Crown Prince' Cup, has been appointed as Qatar's national manager.

The local federation finally ended a 15-year relationship with Evaristo De Macedo, now coaching Bahia in his native Brazil. De Macedo guided Qatar to the 1981 World Youth Cup Final in Australia eventually won 4-0 by West Germany.

Larson will guide Qatar in the coming 11th Asian Nations Cup Group 7 qualifiers, a group which also includes both Syria and Kazakhstan.

Former Iraqi World Cup sweeper, Adnan Derjal, has signed as the new coach of First Division side Al Wakra just before the kick-off of the 1994/95 'Emir's Cup' competition. The club will be hot favourites with four internationals, along with both 1986 Iraq World Cup strikers, Ahmed Radhi and Saad Abdulhamid.

MOHAMED CHBARO

BAHRAIN

THE season finished on a triumphant note for Muharraq. They won the Amiri Cup in sensational style with an injury-time goal to secure a 1-0 win over first-time finalists Al Qadisiya. It was Muharraq's first cup victory since 1983, their 17th in all.

AIDAN PAYNE

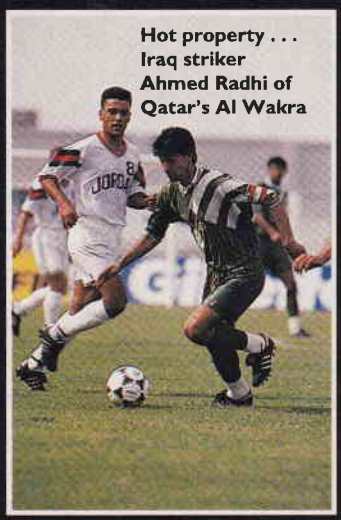
SINGAPORE

ABBAS SAAD, Lebanese-born Australian forward with the Singapore national team, has been found guilty of conspiracy to fix matches and fined US £20,000.

The conviction automatically bans him from playing professional football in Singapore.

Later Abbas, 27, was arrested again on a new charge of criminally intimidating an official of the Singapore FA, and released on bail.

Abbas scored three goals to help Singapore win the Malaysia Cup last year.



Hot property . . . Iraq striker Ahmed Radhi of Qatar's Al Wakra

SOUTH KOREA

THE South Korean FA's international tournament for the President's Cup, now renamed the Korea Cup, was held in Seoul and three other cities and won by Ecuador, beating Zambia 1-0 in the final.

The other six professional teams were from Brazil, Costa Rica, Belgium, Sweden and Scotland.

Ecuador dominated the match and Energio Diaz scored an opportunist winning goal early in the second half.

UAE

TINY southern emirate Al Ain drew with champions Al Shabab 1-1 to win the post-league six-team Super Cup title, securing 20 points from 10 matches. Al Sarjah compensated for league failure by taking second position with 19 points.

Al Shabab earlier won the championship in style, bagging 29 points in 18 matches.

The flamboyant UAE striker Khamees Saad Mubarak, confident goalkeeper Juma Rashid, and dead-ball master Eisa Ibrahim were the keys to Al Shabab's success. Al Ain were runners-up with 23 points.

AZAM MAHMOOD

CHINA

FORMER giants Liaoning ended the first part of the Chinese season deep in trouble.

At the break for the eight-week summer recess, Liaoning were bottom of the 12-team professional league, with only five points out of a possible 24.

Several leading players had left after disputes over contracts and others have gone since the collapse of the club's major commercial backer. Some players are paid as little as £25 a month, whereas the man most greatly missed, international striker Li Bing, was reported to be on £750 a month from his new club, Guangdong.

Li Bing had played a large part in Liaoning's successes. They won 10 trophies in as many years, including the Asian Champions Cup in 1989.

Guangzhou, second in each of the last two seasons, were too near the bottom for comfort and the outcome was predictable: the coach, Zhou Sui'an, had to go. He has been replaced by Zhan Jing-tian, former coach of the National B team.

Several European clubs spent part of the summer break in China. Results included:
Beijing 2 Arsenal 1; Tianjin 0 Arsenal 2; Guangzhou 1 Tottenham 2; China XI 3 Sampdoria 1; Sichuan 0 Sampdoria 6; Guangzhou 1 Milan 4; Sichuan 0 Milan 4; Beijing 0 Milan 0 (Milan 4-3 pens).

ZHENG MING

INDONESIA

ROGER MILLA showed the qualities that have marked his career when he scored a first-half hat-trick for his Indonesian club, Pelita Jaya, in a 5-1 defeat of Persiraja, to tighten their lead in the Eastern section of the Indonesian League. All five goals came in the first half.

Bandung Raya, who beat Medan Jaya 4-0, are second, five points adrift.

In the Western group, Petrokimia Putra retain a one-point lead over Assyabaab SGS after a 0-0 draw against lowly Persegres. The winners of the two groups play each other to decide the outright champions.

TAI WAI CHEUNG

On the move

After a free-scoring season for Standard Liege in Belgium, Oceania Footballer of the Year Aurelio Vidmar is on his way to Feyenoord in Holland

AURELIO VIDMAR is a wanted man.

After a momentous 1994-95 campaign, during which he was voted Oceania Footballer of the Year and his endeavours maintained Standard Liege's prolonged, though ultimately unsuccessful, Belgian League challenge and kept him at the top of the goalscorers' chart, Vidmar now finds himself bound for Feyenoord.

Yet, but for the persistence of a schoolfriend, Vidmar would probably never even have kicked a soccer ball. His home city, Adelaide, is a hotbed of Australian Rules football and it was the indigenous sport that won his favour as a boy.

Socceroo star . . . Aurelio Vidmar (right)

The 10-year-old was still playing what its detractors call 'aerial pingpong' when a classmate started pestering him to play soccer. The friend's father had just been appointed coach of a junior side at the Woodville club and was desparate for recruits.

Vidmar played all his junior soccer with the suburban outfit, almost exclusively as a striker, and was 17 when he moved to South Australia's premier club, Adelaide City. He took a year to break out of the reserve team, but even then he did not set the River Torrens on fire. He made just eight League appearances in the 1985 season, scoring one goal.

Zoran Matic's appointment as City coach in 1986 proved to be a major turning point in Vidmar's career. Matic switched the inconsistent striker to the left side of midfield, where he has stayed ever since. That season Vidmar made 26 appearances as City won the National League championship.

Although City failed to retain their title, Vidmar's reputation grew and on February 3, 1988 – his 21st birthday – he was called up for senior international duty, going on as a substitute against Dynamo Zagreb in Melbourne.

He failed to cement a place with the Socceroos and had to wait until May 1991 for his official international debut. Against New Zealand at Christchurch, Vidmar made little impression and was substituted midway through the second half. His mind may have been on other things, as a move to Europe – to Belgian First Division side Kortrijk – was imminent. In Australia's National League, he had made 134 appearances and scored 26 goals.

Curiously, he has always found goals easier to come by in Belgium. Given a more attacking role, he grabbed 10 in 32 outings in his only season at Kortrijk.

Loaned to Waregem after Kortrijk's relegation, he continued to score regularly. Nineteen goals from 32 games were registered during 1992-93 before a slump in form at club level, though performances for Australia remained superb.

Maybe the Socceroos' World Cup exploits disrupted his game or it may have been a belated bout of homesickness, possibly triggered by brother Tony's return to Adelaide after an unsuccessful stint with Germinal Ekeren. Whatever the reason, Vidmar was off-colour throughout the 1993-94 season and his 25 appearances produced just seven goals.

Even so, the West Vlaanderen club were eager to make his transfer permanent. But before they could, Standard Liege swooped, offering Kortrijk a fee that was well beyond Waregem's pocket.

Despite his feats at Liege, Vidmar's favourite soccer memories are still of the World Cup qualifiers against Argentina in 1993, when he played alongside Tony against Maradona and Co, scoring the only Australian goal in a courageous 2-1 aggregate defeat.

Vidmar treasures his involvement with the Socceroos and makes no secret of a desire eventually to captain them. Feyenoord will have to be prepared to tolerate absences for World Cup duty on the other side of the globe.

He is eager to coach when he finishes playing and spent several years supervising youth teams in Belgium.

Spectators observing Vidmar on the pitch, with his aggressive style and long-haired, wild-eyed appearance ("like a hyperactive Charles Manson," one New Zealand fan loudly claimed during a World Cup game), could be forgiven for believing him to be an inappropriate mentor.

Off the field, however, he is even-tempered, articulate, likeable and takes a genuine interest in the welfare of team-mates. Doubtless, Vidmar will be a popular figure in Holland next season.

PAUL MOON

PRO-FILE: AURELIO VIDMAR

Season	Team	Apps	Goals
1985	Adelaide City	8	1
1986	Adelaide City	26	2
1987	Adelaide City	26	5
1988	Adelaide City	22	5
1989	Adelaide City	25	5
1990	Adelaide City	27	8
1991-92	KV Kortrijk	32	10
1992-93	KSV Waregem	32	19
1993-94	KSV Waregem	25	7
1994-95	Standard Liege	32	22
1995-96	Feyenoord		

AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL coach Eddie Thomson has been cleared of corruption by a parliamentary inquiry into overseas transfers.

The inquiry found that more than £500,000 had disappeared following the transfer of several Australian players to European clubs, but declared that there was no evidence to suggest Thomson had received any of the missing cash.

The inquiry also recommended the immediate abolition of the domestic transfer system.

An interim report last year by the Australian Soccer Federation had censured Thomson for accompanying defender Ned Zelic for talks with Borussia Dortmund in 1992 and recommended that he be sacked for misconduct.

WORLD YOUTH CUP QUALIFIERS

TO REPORT Australia winning the World Youth Cup Oceania qualifying tournament in Vanuatu is a little like noting that the sun rises in the east.

In the final against New Zealand, the Kiwis' hard work, courage and determination extended Australia without ever threatening to close the obvious gap in class. Yane Talcevski scored the only goal in the 64th minute.

To quote Sam Goldwyn, it was deja vu all over again.

NEW ZEALAND

IT HAS become almost fashionable for goalkeepers to chase upfield when their sides are seeking a last-gasp equaliser.

Christchurch Rangers' Alan Stroud is among the very few who can claim to have actually scored. With Rangers 1-0 down into injury time against Roslyn-Wakari, Stroud sprinted 90 metres to get his head to a corner and steal a most incredible goal.

Stroud's effort ended Roslyn-Wakari's 100 per cent record, but the Dunedin club are all but assured of a place in the last eight of the Superclub Championship. Rangers are one of the teams in contention to be the south zone's other qualifiers, along with Christchurch Technical and Woolston Working Men's club.

In the north, Waitakere City and holders North Shore United are through to the next phase, with Mount Wellington and Ellerslie three and four points adrift of third-placed Waikato United .

The central zone should produce the most exciting climax. Napier City Rovers, Miramar Rangers, Wellington Olympic, Nelson United and Wellington United are separated by just six points. The former two lead the way .

Graduation to the National Round this year will provide the inside running for membership of a revamped 10 club national league, starting next January. The north and central zones contribute four clubs each, and the south two.

FIFA's allocation of the 1999 World Youth Cup to New Zealand was greeted with delight by local enthusiasts. The nation's television stations have virtually ignored soccer. Now they must adopt different stances or lose the chance of acquiring the Cup's host broadcasting rights!

TAHITI

NAPOLEON SPITZ, the dominant figure in Tahitian soccer administration for over a quarter of a century, has died after a fall at his home. He was 62.

As a player, he was a robust centre forward, bursting onto the scene when scoring eight goals during the 1949 junior cup final.

Spitz, elected president of the French Polynesian Football League in 1969, oversaw all aspects of the game in Tahiti until his death. The ruling body's official address was c/o Napoleon Spitz, B.P. 650, Papeete!

PAUL MOO

BROOKING talkback

BBC Radio and TV commentator TREVOR BROOKING, the former England midfielder, answers your letters . . .

From next month Trevor is hanging up his *WORLD SOCCER* boots. But you can still join the debates on soccer's big issues as Editor Keir Radnedge is taking charge of the letters page. Send your views to him and he will reply to a selection each month.
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BARTON V MALDINI

TREVOR – If Warren Barton with two caps is worth £4 million, how much is Paolo Maldini, with over 70 caps, worth? Both are 25, but that is where the similarities end. Maldini plays for one of the best teams in Europe, excelled in both the 1990 and 1994 World Cups, and has been voted Best Player in the World. Surely he's worth millions more?
CHLOE DEXTER, Wantage, Oxon

I AM a great admirer of Maldini and dread to think what his price would be on the transfer market. Warren Barton's fee is a very worrying reflection on the shortage of quality talent now coming through from our junior ranks. The grossly inflated prices now being paid for players are based on the simple argument of supply and demand. With the 'foreign player' rule adversely affecting top clubs in European competition, it has increased their need to purchase English players to strengthen squads. But talented acquisitions are far from easy to find and that is why such ridiculous sums are having to be paid. Until some clear and structured coaching process is put into place for youngsters, this worrying trend will continue.

EURO SCEPTIC

TREVOR – What has happened to the European Cup? What was once the blue riband of European football has degenerated into a spectacle dominated by people off the pitch rather than on it. As I snored through the 1995 edition I could not help but wonder where the competition is going. Although briefly awoken by Patrick Kluivert's Ajax winner, the final seemed to be characterised by fear, which resulted in yet another dour struggle. Perhaps it is time to look at the possibility of replaying a drawn final. UEFA have to accept that since the 1950s and 1960s the competition has lost its aura of magic created by Real Madrid. Something has to be done.
BILLY McELLIGOTT, Co Cork, Ireland

I DON'T believe the European Cup has diminished in stature. Quite often these days, major finals rarely live up to expectations and though USA '94 was entertaining, even the final failed to produce the required climax. The fear of losing is the major factor which influences all coaches, and it is far easier to organise a team to defend and stop the opposition, than it is to be inventive and entertaining. Ajax were the most entertaining side over several months, and although they failed to produce a memorable final, I hope they continue their attacking outlook. The magic of sides like Real Madrid of the 1950s is based on the brilliance of individual stars. So until more skill and flair is promoted, the shadow of failure will prevail.

KICK TIME-OUTS INTO TOUCH

TREVOR – I do not always agree with Brian Glanville's antiquated views on the development of soccer but I wholeheartedly agree with his opposition to the ridiculous idea of time-outs. This will destroy the flow of the game and make play more cautious. It is my belief that any changes to the laws of the game should promote fair play and reward talented attacking soccer. Time-outs will do nothing to improve the game for fans, except provide more commercials and diminish the value of the product. The whole idea is incredibly stupid.
GUSTAVO ORTIZ, London SE1

I CANNOT think of any basic footballing reasons why time-outs should be introduced, and surely FIFA cannot justify any such change. It would totally frustrate the flow of a game, and greatly diminish the excitement and entertainment for supporters. There are sufficient alternative means of marketing now available, and so the demand for extra commercial stoppages is no longer valid. Half-time is a more than adequate interval for a coach to switch strategy or tactics, and any additional adjustments necessary can easily be made from the touchline. Most supporters and broadcasters get niggled when injuries or fouls delay an interesting period of play, and so to impose artificial time-outs would be disastrous! You are right to highlight the fact it will encourage a wholly negative approach.

INFERIORITY COMPLEX

TREVOR – A recent letter from James Howard claimed that German football is vastly superior to British. German football is of a very high quality but I believe British is much better, though not at international level. In the last couple of seasons Leeds beat Stuttgart and Norwich beat Bayern Munich. Mr Howard pointed out that Germany clubs have won 13 European competitions, but failed to point out that the British clubs have won 32. Listen to both sides, Mr Howard!
TAHRAN ALI, Leeds

AT CLUB level there is little to choose between England and Germany, but German clubs are less reliant on 'foreign' players and so appear to be producing a better technical youth player through their system. I saw England schoolboys lose 4-2 to their German counterparts recently and there was a significant difference in the technical skills of many of their side. It only confirmed my belief that something is seriously wrong with our organisation of junior football and until that dreadful void is breached, our home development will continue to struggle.

BLONDS HAVE MORE RUNS

TREVOR – Surely it's time for Terry Venables to forget about Paul Gascoigne. He has been a very good player, but how often? Reliability is worth as much as genius in the modern game, and this clown can hardly tie his bootlaces without getting injured. He has had chance after chance, and the media treat him like a god, but rarely has he produced the goods. Now he has adopted a hairstyle that one writer says makes him look like "the sort of barman who gives free drinks to sailors in San Francisco". How Venables (a disastrous choice as England manager) can prefer him to Le Tissier defies belief.
JULIE PAINTER, Southsea, Hants

Blond ambition . . . Gascoigne training with England

PAUL GASCOIGNE has to be given a chance to prove he can regain his fitness and form. I do agree the expectancy level from supporters and media is very unfair, but without any obvious creative alternatives, the bandwagon goes on. He must not be judged on what he has done in the distant past, but purely on his performances in the months ahead. If he recaptures his form then Terry Venables should, and will, pick him. But only if he is worth his place. His other bizarre antics are something I am willing to accept, as long as his number one priority remains his performances on the pitch. I couldn't agree more about Matthew Le Tissier. He is worth a place in the team, and at the very least, the squad. Gascoigne and Le Tissier could play together.

MONEY MADNESS

TREVOR – I may be an exception, but I believe that the amount of money swilling around English soccer is driving people away from the game. I work hard and do a job that is of value to the community, but it is poorly paid (in the health service) and when I read of average players earning thousands of pounds a week, I feel sick. I certainly cannot afford to pay inflated sums to watch them. Their careers are short, shorter still if they are unlucky with injuries, but the wages and transfer fees are now at obscene levels. Is it not time for some form of limit to be imposed?
ADAM MCEWEN, Birkenhead

I SYMPATHISE with your dilemma, although at the moment crowds are very enthusiastic, and support has been sustained throughout the country. But I do agree, clubs are taking a gamble by increasing ticket prices to a level which could easily take it out of reach for many people. If families are discouraged to attend, then the lifeblood of the game could dwindle. Wages and transfer fees are becoming frightening, and surely some club is going to come unstuck and find themselves in financial chaos. It is difficult to impose limits on either though, as alternative funding routes would quickly be devised.

PLAYING CATCH-UP

TREVOR – As a Japanese worker in Spain I see a lot of soccer through various TV channels. I do not know very much about the game, having come to it quite late in life, but I am trying hard to catch up! For what it is worth, I think that the most entertaining type of games are those played in France, especially in the past two years by Nantes. Next best, Spain, and then Italy. England is too much the same, too boring.
K SISHIKURA, Avenida Lorca, Barcelona

The great beauty of football is that it conjures up so many differing opinions about the game. One supporter likes the sort of player who shows endless energy and aggression, while another favours the skills and flair of a ball-player. It will be interesting to see how Nantes fair in the European Cup. Each of the countries you mention have their own style, but England's is definitely a much quicker and physical game. I wouldn't call it boring and can only suggest you have been unlucky with your choice of match!

FOOTBALL COACHES AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

AFCAT MEMBERSHIP TOPS 2,000!

IT IS now two years since AFCAT was formed and the second Annual Convention at Milton Keynes signals an upgrade from promising youngster to emerging player in our National Game.

Initially, building the foundations with the long-term vacuum for such an organisation to come into existence, AFCAT has relied heavily on the raw enthusiasm of its membership, the magnificent support of national football personalities and the unstinting hard work of its officers – particularly from Graham Morgan, one of the founder committee members.

As an independent body, AFCAT has been delighted with the international recognition it has achieved while still in its formative period.

AFCAT man . . . Blackburn boss Ray Harford

Initially receiving help and support from NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association of America), we have since become the England Representative of UEFT (Union of European Football Trainers) and have been invited to coaching seminars in the USA as well as UEFA-backed events in Portugal and Spain.

This opportunity to hear and discuss other ideas and consider alternative viewpoints is exactly what AFCAT seeks to encourage for its membership, as we try to overcome England's parochial approach to football coaching and practices at grass roots.

What has amazed and obviously pleased the AFCAT membership has been the voluntary support given in terms of time, expertise and facilities from personalities from within the professional game.

Many League clubs and the Professional Footballers' Association have proved to be universally 'user friendly' to AFCAT and those who have been involved are a credit to their profession and the game.

One of the aims and ambitions of AFCAT has always been to bring the big names of football closer to the grass roots and a major success has been achieved here.

Some of the Coaches and Teachers who have been involved with AFCAT (with apologies to those missed out due to lack of space) so far are:-

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A major consideration when looking back over the past two years is that nothing, even with an expanding membership, would have been possible without the financial and equipment support from adidas – the world's number one soccer company.

The commitment of adidas to soccer is universally recognised, but their growing involvement at grass roots level is unrivalled. with major commitments to AFCAT, the Schools's Football Initiative and the National Schools' Associations of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. AFCAT is indebted to the support of adidas and of Barry Hunter in particular.

Partnering adidas in the development of AFCAT has been *WORLD SOCCER* magazine, part of the IPC Magazines Football Group.

Initially through the involvement of former managing editor Peter Stewart, *WORLD SOCCER* has helped AFCAT to promote itself and hopefully their commitment to AFCAT will grow with the Association and its increased membership; the first meetings when the concept was being considered were even hosted by Peter at the *WORLD SOCCER* offices at Kings' Reach Tower in London.

The 1995 Convention marked the start of a new era for AFCAT. Recently adidas agreed an improved sponsorship package and the administration of the membership, will now become a full-time position, which hopefully will help the organisation grow rapidly beyond 2,000 members.

Further sponsorships attracted by the higher profile of AFCAT are in the pipeline and the Association will be receiving professional advice on how to maximise this interest for the benefit of its membership.

Future plans involve an increased number of regional days per year, an upgraded *Catayst* magazine with the help of Colin Morris together wit a major development in coaching and teaching resources for the membership.

Hopefully the links between AFCAT and the PFA will continue to be strong and the advantages of Don Howe in his new role as Technical Co-ordinator for the Football Association must be of great value not only to the Association but also for the development of grass roots football in general.

AFCAT is also looking to support Ladies Soccer and this is a major concern for AFCAT committee member Sue Lopez, a former international player and Full Badge Coach.

The future looks very bright for AFCAT as the young apprentice now starts out as a young professional organisation and hopefully it can emerge as an influential player in the development of our National Game.

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Diary

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

ACTION: Sweden are held 1-1 at home by Iceland in the European Championship.
CZECH REPUBLIC: Sparta Prague clinch the League with a 1-0 win over Banik Ostrava.
DENMARK: National coach Richard Moller Nielsen recalls Michael Laudrup for the European qualifier against Cyprus at home on June 7. He replaces Silkeborg midfielder Peter Soerensen in the squad. Squad: Schmeichel, Krogh; J Hogh, Laursen, Rieper, Risager, Schjonberg; Vilfort, Wieghorst, S Nielsen, J Jensen, M Laudrup; B Laudrup, Beck, P Rasmussen, E Bo Andersen.
ITALY: Russian striker Igor Kolyvanov says he will be meeting Foggia officials shortly to resolve his future . . . Carlo Ancelotti, former Milan midfielder, resigns as deputy coach to the national team to take charge at Reggiana.
JAPAN: Federation officials say they welcome the prospect of an early decision by FIFA on the staging of the 2002 World Cup finals.
PORTUGAL: Porto insist they have no intention of letting Bobby Robson go to Arsenal.
ROMANIA: Romania will be without injured Hagi and suspended Popescu for the Euro qualifier against Israel in Bucharest. Anghel Iordanescu calls up uncapped Universitatea Craiova midfielder Gabi Popescu, aged 19.
SINGAPORE: Former national team star Abbas Saad tells his match-fixing trial that he rejected a team-mate's offer of money to help Singapore win matches last year.
SPAIN: Javier Clemente rests Barcelona defenders Sergi and Ferrer from the squad to face Armenia in Seville and calls in uncapped Real Sociedad midfielder Agustin Aranzabal. Squad: Zubizarreta, Canizares; Belsue, Nadal, Abelardo, Hierro, Alkorta, Luis Enrique; Guerrero, Goikoetxea, Caminero, Donato, Agustin Aranzabal; Salinas, Amavisca, Cuellar.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

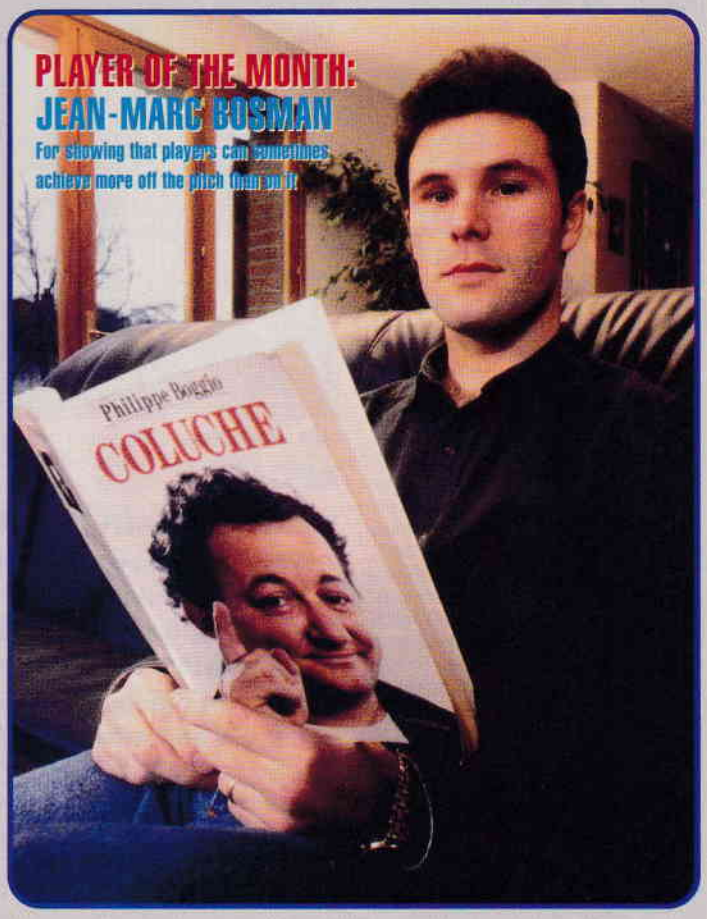
ACTION: Portugal beat Latvia 4-0 in a European Under-21 qualifier.
COLOMBIA: Midfielder Carlos Valderrama changes his mind and is recalled to the national squad for the US Cup. Coach Hernan Dario Gomez also names striker Faustino Asprilla, midfielder Fredy Rincon and goalkeeper Rene Higuita. Squad: Higuita, Cordoba, Calero; Bermudez, Dinas, Cabrera, Fernandez, A Mendoza, Osorio, Fernando Santa; Gaviria, L Alvarez, Mosquera, Quinonez, Lozano, Rincon, Valderrama; Valenciano, Leon, Zambrano, Miguel Asprilla, Faustino Asprilla.
ENGLAND: Dennis Wise is cleared on appeal of having attacked a taxi driver . . . Ghana striker Tony Yeboah signs a three-and-a-half-year deal to stay with Leeds.
RUSSIA: Oleg Romantsev recalls his foreign-based players for the Euro qualifier against San Marino. Squad: Kharin, Chechesov; Mamedov, Afanasyev, Onopko, Kovtun, Khlestov, Tetradze; Kulkov, Karpin, Shalimov, Dobrovolsky, Mostovoi; Radchenko, Kiryakov, Beschastnykh, Cheryshev, Kolyvanov.
SOUTH KOREA: Federation officials say they, too, are happy with FIFA's decision to bring forward a decision on the 2002 World Cup.
SPAIN: Cup semi-finalists Valencia dismiss World Cup-winning coach Carlos Alberto Parreira. President Francisco Roig says the decision has been taken "as a shake-up to try reach the final of the cup."
SWITZERLAND: FIFA gives Bebeto permission to play for Deportivo in the League showdown against Real Madrid instead of forcing him to play for Brazil in the Umbro Cup.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

ACTION: England squeeze a 2-1 win over Japan to launch the Umbro Cup . . . Liechtenstein gain their first international competitive point, drawing 0-0 at home against the Irish Republic in the European qualifiers . . . also in Group 6, Portugal beat Latvia 3-2.
BULGARIA: A second division match in which Spartak Varna secured promotion by defeating Lesicheri 18-0 on Wednesday is ordered to be replayed by the federation because of the "suspicious nature" of the result . . . Emil Kostadinov of Bayern Munich is one of four overseas-based players in the national squad for the Euro qualifier against Germany. Squad: Mihailov, Popov; Kremenliev, Tzvetanov, Ivanov, Hubchev, Yordanov, Yankov, Kiryakov, Borimirov, Kostadinov, Stoichkov, Penev, Balakov, Lechkov, Sirakov, Mihtarski.
ITALY: Local reports insist Internazionale are close to signing Paul Ince from Man United.
SPAIN: Real Madrid beat Deportivo La Coruna 2-1 in Estadio Bernabeu to clinch the Spanish League title for the first time in five years.
ZIMBABWE: Ten Zimbabwe players are now reported to have withdrawn from the African Nations qualifier in Zaire on Sunday because of fears over the killer Ebola virus. The latest to refuse is goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

ACTION: Botswana and Namibia draw 1-1 in an African Nations qualifier . . . Brazil beat Sweden 1-0 in the Umbro Cup at Villa Park . . . Hajduk Split beat Osijek 3-0 to complete a surprise late run which brings them the Croatian League title . . . Ferencvaros clinch the Hungarian title for the 25th time despite being held to a 3-3 draw at home by Debrecen . . . Inter secure Italy's last UEFA Cup spot thanks to a 2-1 win which condemns Padova to a relegation play-off against Genoa.
KENYA: Shadrack Ateka of AFC Leopards is admitted to hospital with stab wounds after being attacked by a gang of youths after his club's 3-0 defeat by League leaders Kenya Breweries. Ateka had scored an own goal.
SCOTLAND: Paul Gascoigne goes to Ibrox to put finishing touches to his £4.3million move from Italian club Lazio.
ZIMBABWE: The ZFA flies a a second-string team to Zaire for the African Nations qualifier.



MONDAY, JUNE 5

ACTION: Hosts Sweden lose 1-0 to Brazil on the opening day of the Women's World Cup.
AUSTRIA: Rapid Vienna win the Cup, beating DSV Leoben 1-0 in the final.
ENGLAND: Wimbledon right-back Warren Barton becomes the most expensive defender in British football when he joins Newcastle for £4.5million . . . Alex Ferguson rejects a renewed bid by Internazionale for Paul Ince.
GERMANY: Martin Dahlin says he is keen on a £4million move to Nottingham Forest . . . Giovanni Trapattoni confirms he is taking over at Cagliari next season.
ITALY: Juventus owner Gianni Agnelli insists Juve will not increase their offer to Roberto Baggio. They want him to accept an annual salary of £800,000, a 30 per cent pay cut.
MALAYSIA: A Malacca state player admits faking injuries to stay home with his lover.
PORTUGAL: Porto president Jorge Pinto da Costa refuses to consider releasing Bobby Robson to join Arsenal.
SWITZERLAND: Sion beat new champions Grasshopper 4-2 in the Cup Final.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

ACTION: Two goals from Zinho bring Bra 3-0 win over Japan in the Umbro Cup Tomas Galasek grabs a hat-trick in the C Republic's 7-0 win in Luxembourg . . . cha pions United States are held 3-3 by China the Women's World Cup.
ALGERIA: National coach Rabah Madjer dismissed after the country's virtual elim tion from the African Nations qualifiers.
CHILE: Real Madrid striker Ivan Zamor tells national coach Xavier Azkagorta he w too tired to play in the Copa America.
ITALY: Roberto Baggio says he is poised leave Juventus. He adds: "I realise now Juventus really don't want to keep me."
PORTUGAL: Bobby Robson confirms he stay on as coach with champions FC Porto.
TURKEY: Fenerbahce sever their contra with Tomislav Ivic, who wants to give m attention to the Croat national team.
UNITED STATES: Major League Soc announces club identities and financiers next year plus confirmation that Mexico go keeper Jorge Campos has signed a three-y contract to play for the Los Angeles franchis

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

ACTION: The minnows bite back on a bu day in the Euro Championship. Luxembou win in the Czech Republic, Belarus be Holland, Georgia win in Wales, Latvia win Northern Ireland and Bulgaria hit back fr 2-0 down to repeat their World Cup triumpl over Germany by 3-2. Germany also lose 3 to Sweden in the Women's World Cup.
ARGENTINA: Agent Guillermo Coppola sa that Diego Maradona is on the verge of sig ing for his old team Boca Juniors . . . Dar Passarella says Italian-based strikers Gab Batistuta and Abel Balbo will join the natio team for the Copa America. The squad a includes Jose Chamot, Fernando Cace Hugo Perez, Diego Simeone, Nestor Fab and Ariel Ortega.
DENMARK: Flemming Povlsen salutes fans Copenhagen after announcing his premat retirement because of knee injuries.
ENGLAND: Paul Ince becomes the m expensive British footballer of all time wh Manchester United agree to sell him Internazionale for £8million . . . Queens P Rangers stiker Les Ferdinand becom Britain's second most expensive player wh he moves to Newcastle for £6million.
ITALY: Defender Sergio Porrini scores a 11 minutes as Juventus beat Parma 1-0 in first leg of the Italian Cup Final.
SPAIN: Atletico Madrid sack coach A Basile after 104 days. He is replaced by Ca Aguilar, the goalkeeping coach.
SWITZERLAND: Sion, two days after winn the Swiss Cup, pay the price of success Sporting Lisbon swoop to buy Brazilian m fielder Roberto Assis and Ivory Coast str Ahmed Ouattara while sweeper Alain Ge joins champions Grasshopper.
UNITED STATES: Hank Steinbrecher, US secretary general, says he is trying to p suade Carlos Alberto Parreira, just sacked Valencia, to take over as coach of the nati team. Steinbrecher makes his remarks a news conference announcing details of Parmalat Cup at Giants Stadium in N Jersey, on August 4-6, featuring the Un States, Parma, Benfica and Boca Juniors.
URUGUAY: Federation officials say 2 police will be on duty to provide secur the Copa America in a £1million operation.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

ACTION: Two goals in the last two minutes from Platt and Anderton rescue England against Sweden in the Umbro Cup at Leeds, securing a 3-3 draw . . . China beat touring Sampdoria 3-1 in Beijing . . . Ecuador and Zambia reach the semi-finals of the Korea Cup in Seoul . . . Thailand beat Taiwan 5-0 in an Asian Olympic qualifier in Nagoya.

BRAZIL: Pele gives up his attempt to sign Diego Maradona for Santos.

ENGLAND: Arsenal appoint Bruce Rioch, out of contract with Bolton, as new manager.

FRANCE: Promoted Gueugnon win their fight to play in the top division next season after fears that their stadium was not up to scratch. They are granted special dispensation after unveiling plans to increase capacity to 8,000.

NIGERIA: Ex-Brazilian skipper Carlos Alberto Torres is appointed as manager and technical adviser of the Nigerian national team as full-time replacement for Clemens Westerhof.

SWITZERLAND: Wales are fined £2,800 by UEFA for improper conduct of the team during the 3-1 Under-21 defeat by Bulgaria in April. A similar charge costs Zaragoza £3,800 after their Cup-winners Cup Final win over Arsenal.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

ARGENTINA: Diego Maradona admits there is an 80 per cent chance of his signing a contract to play for Boca Juniors after his 15-month dope test ban expires.

AUSTRALIA: The domestic transfer system should be abolished because it restricts a player's employment opportunities, says an industrial commission.

GERMANY: Kaiserslautern striker Stefan Kuntz says he will join Turkish champions Besiktas at the season's end for £1.5million.

PORTUGAL: Bobby Robson says his job as coach of Portuguese champions Porto will probably be his last in football after turning down an offer from Arsenal.

SPAIN: Alfio Basile agrees his severance terms with Atletico Madrid before the key last two games of the season – against Zaragoza and Sevilla – which could see them relegated.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

ACTION: Japan hold Sweden 2-2 at Nottingham in the Umbro Cup also-rans' match . . . Iceland draw 1-1 with Hungary in a European Under-21 qualifier, the Irish Republic beat Austria 3-0 and Ukraine and Croatia draw 1-1 . . . three Greeks are sent off in their team's 1-0 Under-21 defeat by Finland . . . Dortmund hit back from 2-0 down to win 3-1 away to MSV Dusiburg and keep one point behind German League leaders Werder Bremen with one game to go . . . in Italy Padova beat Genoa 6-5 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in extra time in their relegation play-off. . . Sporting Lisbon win their first major trophy in 13 years when they beat Maritimo 2-0 in the Portuguese Cup Final thanks to two headed goals by Bulgarian international Ivailo Yordanov . . . outgoing Spanish champions Barcelona crash to a shock 1-0 home defeat by struggling Albacete.

ARGENTINA: Maradona reaches agreement to play for Boca Juniors rather than Santos.

GEORGIA: The federation cracks down on attempts to fix the League leading scorers' race after the top contenders each score nine times in their last game of the season. Georgy Daraselia of Kolkheti-1913 scores nine in his side's 10-5 win over Samgurali, a feat repeated by Torpedo Kutaisi's Mamuka Khundadze in a 11-4 thrashing of Sapovnela. The federation cancels the results of both matches and fines both clubs and players.

SINGAPORE: Former national team star Abbas Saad is convicted of conspiracy to fix matches last season and is fined £22,000.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

ACTION: Brazil beat England 3-1 at Wembley to win the Umbro Cup . . . the European Championship qualifiers see a string of surprises as Iceland beat Hungary 2-1, the Irish Republic crash 3-1 at home to Austria and Croatia lose 1-0 in Ukraine . . . the United States beat Nigeria 3-2 in the opening US Cup match . . . Japan beat Taiwan 6-0 in an Olympic qualifier . . . Flamengo go top of the Rio championship after beating Botafogo 1-0. Romario returns from injury and creates Flamengo's winner for Savio . . . Juventus defender Sergio Porrini, who scored in the first leg, scores again as his team beat Parma 2-0 and 3-0 on aggregate in the Italian Cup Final to complete the domestic double . . . Betis, in their first year back in the Spanish top division, take a big step towards a UEFA Cup spot when they beat city neighbours Sevilla 2-1.

ITALY: UEFA Cup holders Parma bid £10million for Lazio and Italy striker Giuseppe Signori . . . three Genoa fans are reported to have died after suffering heart attacks during the previous day's relegation play-off defeat.

SWITZERLAND: UEFA's Euro Championship committee formally recommends the executive approve the joint Belgian-Dutch candidacy to host the 2000 finals.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

ACTION: Ecuador beat Zambia 1-0 in the final of the Korea Cup.

ENGLAND: Former French national coach Gerard Houllier is reported as favourite to become FA technical director. . . Premier League clubs agree to anti-sleaze regulations which would grant far greater powers to finance inquiries and permit points deductions or even expulsion for contraventions by clubs or players or officials . . . Brazil coach Mario Zagalo admits he has set a target list which includes victories in the Copa America next month then the Olympic Games in Atlanta next year and the World Cup in France in 1998.

GERMANY: Jurgen Klinsmann insists that he had acted strictly within the terms of his contract at Tottenham regarding his transfer to Bayern Munich. Tottenham confirm a letter of complaint has been sent to FIFA.

HOLLAND: Ajax Amsterdam sign Fiorentina's Marcio Santos for £2.4million.

ITALY: Lazio owner Sergio Cragnotti decides to sell his stake in the club in anger over the behaviour of fans protesting at the planned sale of top scorer Giuseppe Signori to Parma . . . Juventus' Roberto Baggio and Gianluca Vialli are missing when national coach Arrigo Sacchi names his squad for a three-nation tournament involving hosts Switzerland and Germany. Squad: Pagliuca, Bucci; Benarrivo, Apolloni, Ferrara, Minotti, Petruzzi, Carboni, Maldini; Lombardo, Del Piero, Di Matteo, Eranio, Albertini, D Baggio, Berti, Statuto; Zola, Signori, Casiraghi, Delvecchio.

PERU: Fifteen members of the national team are treated in hospital after suffering from food poisoning caused by a chicken salad at the squad's training camp.

SWITZERLAND: A provisional draw for the UEFA-Intertoto Cup is circulated.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

ACTION: Holders United States beat Japan 4-0 in the Women's World Cup.

ARGENTINA: Diego Maradona backs Pele to succeed Joao Havelange as FIFA president because Havelange's "cycle has finished".

BRAZIL: Mario Zagalo omits both Bebeto and Romario from his squad preparing for the Copa America. Squad: Danrlei, Dida, Taffarel; Jorginho, Roberto Carlos, Rodrigo, Aldair, Andre Cruz, Ronaldao, Narciso, Cesar Sampaio; Dunga, Zinho, Leonardo, Juninho, Leandro, Beto, Souza; Ronaldo, Edmundo, Tulio, Savio.

FRANCE: Former France midfielder Jean Tigana is to coach Monaco next season.

GERMANY: Germany will be without five regular players when they attend the forthcoming three-nation tournament in Switzerland. Squad: Kahn, Koepke; Babbel, Helmer, Ziege, Reuter, Sammer, Strunz, Weber; Freund, A Moller, Jorg Heinrich, Jens Todt, Hassler, Scholl; Bobic, Kirsten, Kuntz . . . Czech international Patrik Berger agrees a three-year contract with Borussia Dortmund . . . Freiburg's Argentinian Rodolfo Cardoso joins League leaders Werder Bremen.

HOLLAND: Danny Blind decides to stay with the Champions Cup-winners Ajax on a new two-year contract after speculation over a transfer to Aston Villa or Galatasaray.

ITALY: Roberto Baggio says he is in no hurry to resolve his contract dispute with Juventus.

PORTUGAL: Cup-winners Sporting Lisbon sign Brazilian midfielder Roberto Assis and Ivory Coast striker Ahmed Quattara from Sion.

SPAIN: Albacete lose 2-1 to Valencia in a Cup semi-final return and 3-2 on aggregate.

SWITZERLAND: Brazil maintain their lead in the latest FIFA world rankings with Italy moving up from fourth to second place.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

ACTION: Argentina beat Paraguay 2-1 in a friendly in Rosario . . . Japan beat Thailand 1-0 in an Olympic qualifier.

ARGENTINA: Diego Maradona says he would like one last chance to play for Argentina after his dope-test ban expires in September.

CZECH REPUBLIC: Hradec Kralove beat Viktoria Zizkov 3-1 in a penalty shoot-out to win the Cup Final after a 0-0 draw.

GERMANY: Brazil's World Cup captain Dunga quits Stuttgart before the final game of the season after falling out with coach Jurgen Sundermann and heads for Japan and a two-year contract with Jubilo Iwata.

ITALY: COVISOC, the organisation which checks clubs' accounts on behalf of the FIGC, proposes that Napoli and seven lower division clubs be allowed to collape into bankruptcy and receivership because of complex debts . . . Argentinian Gabriel Batistuta, leading scorer in Serie A, signs a new contract which will keep him with Fiorentina until 1999.

PORTUGAL: Benfica beat Sporting 2-0 in the last match of the season – a replay after Benfica protested at refereeing incompetence.

RUSSIA: Dynamo Moscow survive a penalty and the expulsion of Sergei Podpali to beat Rotor Volgograd 8-7 on penalties in the Cup Final. The game ended 0-0. Defender Sergei Shulgin shoots home the decisive penalty.

SPAIN: La Coruna lose 1-0 at home to Gijon in a Cup semi-final second leg but survive to win 2-1 on aggregate.

VENEZUELA: Stalin Rivas is welcomed back to the national squad for the Copa America after settling a cash row with the federation.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

ACTION: Holders United States lose 1-0 in the Women's World Cup semi-finals to Norway who now play Germany (1-0 winners against China) in the Final.

ALGERIA: Algeria name Ali Fergani as new coach of the national team on a three-year contract to replace dismissed Rabah Madjer.

ENGLAND: Graeme Souness, the new coach of Galatasaray, wins £750,000 damages against *The People* newspaper in the High Court in London over an article based on critical allegations by ex-wife Danielle.

GERMANY: Frank Pagelsdorf extends his contract with promoted Hansa Rostock until 1998.

ITALY: Paul Ince flies home after three days of inconclusive negotiations with Inter.

JAPAN: Brazil's World Cup captain Dunga arrives to join Jubilo Iwata from Stuttgart.

MALAYSIA: Police reveal that 79 of the 126 players and coaches questioned over bribery and match fixing have been punished with punishments from fines to internal exile.

PORTUGAL: FC Porto's Ukrainian striker Sergei Yuran faces manslaughter charges over an incident in November last year when his Mercedes crashed into a Honda in Oporto. The 35-year-old driver of the Honda died of multiple injuries soon after the accident.

SPAIN: More than 75,000 Real Madrid fans turn out to pay tribute to Emilio Butragueno in his testimonial match. Butragueno completes the scoring as Madrid defeat Roma 4-0.

ZIMBABWE: Englishman Mick Buxton is appointed national coach in succession to Gibson Homela who, along with fellow Zimbabwean Barry Daka, will assist Buxton.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

ALBANIA: The number of top division teams is to be increased from 16 to 18 in an attempt to improve playing standards and discourage good players from emigrating.

ARGENTINA: President Carlos Menem criticises US Ambassador James Cheek, a fan of title-chasing San Lorenzo, for criticizing referee Javier Castrilli after San Lorenzo's controversial defeat by Velez Sarsfield.

ENGLAND: Sheffield Wednesday appoint one-time Uruguayan international Danny Bergara as head coach under new boss David Pleat.

HUNGARY: National coach Kalman Meszoly fines himself £500 for shouting at his players in an inexcusable manner during last weekend's European Championship defeat by Iceland.

RUSSIA: The federation cancels a decision to replay Dynamo-Gazovik Tyumen's 2-0 home victory over CSKA Moscow last month because of refereeing mistakes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

ACTION: Colombia beat Nigeria 1-0 in the US Cup . . . the United States beat China 2-0 in the third place match at the Women's World Cup . . . Casino Salzburg win the Austrian championship for the second successive season on goal difference from Sturm Graz . . . Borussia Dortmund snatch the German crown when they win 2-0 at home to Hamburg and thus overtake Werder Bremen, 3-1 losers away to outgoing champions Bayern Munich.

ENGLAND: Liverpool smash the British transfer record by signing striker Stan Collymore from Nottingham Forest for £8.5million.

TURKEY: Carlos Alberto Parreira joins Fenerbahce on a one-year contract in succession to Tomislav Ivic – who himself took over only in January from Holger Osieck.

Diary

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

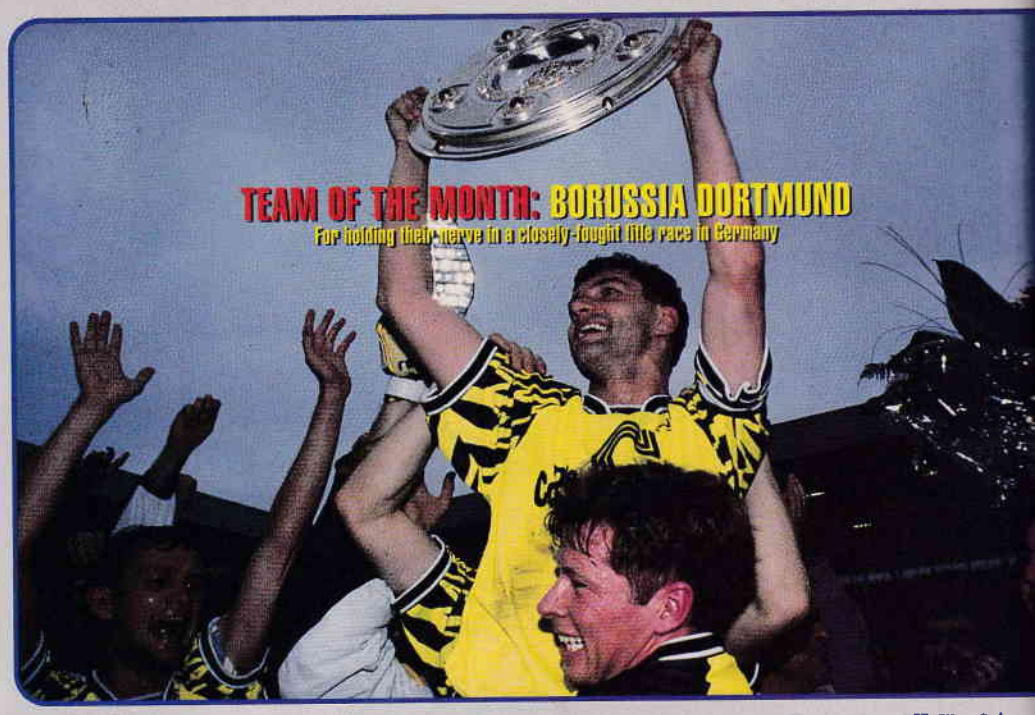
ACTION: The United States beat Mexico 4-0 in the US Cup in Washington . . . Australia beat Ghana 2-1 in a friendly in Sydney . . . Norway defeat Germany 2-0 to win the Women's World Cup . . . Erik Bo Andersen scores a hat-trick as Aalborg beat Aarhus 4-0 on the final day of the Danish League to become champions for the first time in their 110 years . . . Legia Warsaw beat GKS Katowice 2-0 to win the Polish Cup Final and clinch the League and Cup double . . . on the last matchday of the Spanish season Barcelona win 2-0 in Bilbao to maintain their ever-present record in European competition.
ITALY: Roberto Baggio says he is considering an offer from Verdy Kawasaki of Japan, but it would not stop him playing for Italy in the Euro '96 finals in England . . . Roma midfielder Francesco Statuto is named for his first full cap in a friendly against Switzerland.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

ACTION: Switzerland lose the opening match of their centenary tournament 1-0 to Italy.
DENMARK: Mike Walker, former Everton and Norwich manager, is poised to be appointed new manager of FC Copenhagen.
ENGLAND: Tottenham win the race with Everton to sign £4.5million Chris Armstrong from relegated Crystal Palace . . . Spurs also sign three free-transfer veterans on loan for Saturday's Intertoto opener against Luzern.
HUNGARY: Three Ferencvaros players receive suspended jail sentences for attacking police during clashes after a 2-1 win over Kispest-Honved in June last year.
ITALY: Hundreds of fans and a band welcome Giovanni Trapattoni to Sardinia.
LUXEMBOURG: Jean-Marc Bosman, the Belgian footballer about to take on the transfer system in the European Court of Justice, insists he has no intention of climbing down.
POLAND: Police report 101 officers injured, 13 seriously, after violent clashes following Legia's 2-0 win over GKS Katowice in the Cup Final. Deputy police chief Janusz Wikariak calls for the Legia stadium to be shut pending an urgent review of security measures.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

ENGLAND: Leeds' Elland Road may to be dropped as a Euro '96 venue after the collapse of negotiations to sell the ground to the local council for £4.5million . . . Dutchman Dennis Bergkamp arrives at Highbury to complete his £7.5million transfer from Inter to Arsenal . . . promoted Bolton appoint former England defender Roy McFarland as new manager . . . Osvaldo Ardiles quits English soccer to coach Mexico's Guadalajara.
LUXEMBOURG: The Advocate General in the European Court of Justice sets September 12 as the day to deliver his recommendation on the Jean-Marc Bosman case.
POLAND: The Warsaw provincial governor shuts the Legia stadium pending a decision on security after the cup final clashes.
SPAIN: Yugoslav Radomir Antic leaves Oviedo after three seasons to sign a one-year contract to coach Atletico Madrid. Antic becomes the first coach to have bossed Atletico and Real Madrid since Villalonga in the early 1960s . . . Barcelona complete the signing of Portuguese midfielder Luis Figo from Sporting Lisbon.
SWITZERLAND: FIFA refuses a plea from Argentina's Diego Maradona to reduce his 15-month playing ban by two months.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

ACTION: A bizarre own goal by Paolo Maldini helps Germany to a 2-0 win over Italy . . . Australia beat Ghana 1-0 in the second of their three-match series.
ARGENTINA: Boca Juniors general secretary Jesus Aslain claims negotiations are well advanced to sign Claudio Caniggia as attacking partner for Diego Maradona . . . as for Maradona, he undergoes cosmetic surgery at a private clinic to remove his double chin.
COLOMBIA: Ivan Valenciano may miss the Copa America because of injury problems.
ENGLAND: Euro '96 director Glen Kirton dismisses fears that Elland Road could be dropped as a venue for next year's finals.
GERMANY: Maurizio Gaudino returns to Eintracht Frankfurt after Manchester City decline to follow up his loan stay.
ITALY: Cagliari sell Panamanian attacker Julio Dely Valdes to French Cup-winners Paris Saint-Germain . . . Milan suggest a part-exchange deal to sign Reggiana's Portuguese forward Paulo Futre . . . Juventus owner Gianni Agnelli marks Michel Platini's 40th birthday by describing him as "the greatest foreign player who ever represented us".
ROMANIA: Petrolul Ploiesti beat Rapid Bucharest 6-4 on penalties after a 1-1 extra time draw in the Cup Final.
RUSSIA: The federation accepts UEFA orders and cancels a decision to order the replay of Dynamo-Gazovik Tyumen's 2-0 home victory over CSKA Moscow.
UNITED STATES: A year after the American World Cup, star midfielder Tab Ramos says: "It seems like soccer has disappeared again. We have lost momentum."
VENEZUELA: National manager Rafael Santana says he considers Mexico their toughest first-round rivals in the Copa America rather than hosts Uruguay or Paraguay.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

BRAZIL: Corinthians win the Cup final, beating Gremio 1-0 (3-1 on aggregate) in a second-leg match which sees eight players booked, two sent off and a six-minute interruption after a fan runs onto the pitch and tries to punch the referee.
ENGLAND: John Jensen appears set to quit Arsenal after turning down a new contract.
GERMANY: Bayern Munich come under fire for offering midfielder Michael Sternkopf to Borussia Monchengladbach at a bargain price if they win Saturday's final – thus allowing Bayern into next season's UEFA Cup.
HOLLAND: Australian Aurelio Vidmar agrees to move from Standard Liege to Feyenoord.
ITALY: Manchester United midfielder Paul Ince agrees, after all, to sign a three-year contract for Internazionale.
SWITZERLAND: Cup winners Sion sign former France midfielder Philippe Vercruysee, 33, from Metz on a two-year contract.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

ACTION: Germany beat Switzerland 2-1 in Berne to clinch overall victory in the three-match tournament, which also included Italy, held to mark the Swiss federation's centenary.
DENMARK: Aalborg defender Jes Hogh joins Turkey's Fenerbahce.
ENGLAND: Chelsea both surprise and infuriate Manchester United by snapping up veteran Wales striker Mark Hughes for £1.5million.
GERMANY: Borussia Dortmund waste no time in beginning to strengthen their squad when they buy stopper Jurgen Kohler from Juventus. Dortmund are also reported interested in Colombian striker Faustino Asprilla.
ITALY: Former president Corrado Ferlaino wins a legal battle to regain control of debt-ridden Napoli as a judge overturns the results of a shareholders' meeting last November in which Ellenio Gallo and family took over Ferlaino's majority stake . . . Lazio reject a bid from Internazionale for Croat striker Alen Boksic . . . Milan say Marco Van Basten, out of action for more than two years with a serious ankle injury, will join the Milan squad for pre-season training . . . Milan sign Portuguese international Paulo Futre from relegated Reggiana on a one-year loan deal.
SPAIN: Barcelona president Jose Nunez says he expects Hristo Stoichkov to stay at Nou Camp and "respect the discipline of the club".

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

ACTION: Mexico beat Nigeria 2-1 in Dal
the US Cup.
GERMANY: Borussia Monchengladbach
Wolfsburg 3-0 in the Cup Final.
ITALY: Colombia striker Faustino Asprilla
he will never play for Parma again.
PORTUGAL: Jose Dominguez sign
Sporting Lisbon after a season
Birmingham. The fee is £1.3million.
SPAIN: A thunderstorm halts the Cup
between Deportivo and Valencia after 79
utes in Madrid's Bernabeu stadium.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

ACTION: The United States win the US
after drawing their final match 0-0 ag
Colombia . . . Peru beat Slovakia 1-0
friendly . . . English clubs complete a r
able Intertoto Cup debut hat-trick
Tottenham lose 2-0 to Lucerne in Brighto
ARGENTINA: San Lorenzo win the ch
onship by defeating Rosario Central 1-0
while former leaders Gimnasia La Plata lo
0 at home to Independiente.
BRAZIL: Fluminense win the Rio de J
championship in dramatic style, beating
Flamengo 3-2 in the competition's de
game despite having three players sent o
ENGLAND: Kenny Dalglish surprisingly
aside as manager of Blackburn to becom
club's director of football. Ray Harford
up into the role of team manager.
SPAIN: Russia striker Dmitri Radchenko
Deportivo La Coruna on a four-year co
from Santander for £2.4million.
UNITED STATES: US defender Alexi
who plays for Padova in Italy, will return
to join Major League Soccer next year.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

ENGLAND: Aston Villa buy Yugoslav
Savo Milosevic from Partizan Belgrade
club record £3.5million.
SPAIN: Hristo Stoichkov fails to negotiate
contract with Barcelona. Johan Cruyff
"This soap opera has finally come to an e

MEXICO

Necaxa triumph

Campeonisimos . . . Necaxa are Mexican champions once again

NECAXA of Mexico City won the 1994-95 League title because, quite simply, they were the best team in the play-offs.

We wish we could say the same thing about the regular season, where the team managed by Manuel Lapuente, a good strategist but a mediocre motivator, failed to be as impressive as they had been in the three years (1991-94) when they were coached by Argentinian Roberto Saporiti. Saporiti was sent back home when the team failed in the play-offs.

Lapuente inherited a team with some good players, such as the goalkeeper Nicolas Navarro (with better qualities than Campos but bad public relations); the international Ignacio Ambriz; the striker Ricardo Pelaez; and Ivo Bassay the Chilean, hailed as a better player than Ivan Zamorano.

Necaxa proved to be the best in the 'Liguilla' and all teams know that this competition system, however unjust, decides the champions. However, Necaxa did not win any of their last seven matches in the regular season.

So what was the secret of their victory? As well as the talented players mentioned above they signed the Chilean centre-half Eduardo Vilches and 'Raton' Zarate, the Argentinian from the Bundesliga.

But they also had many odds in their favour. First they eliminated a mediocre Tecos UAG (last year's champions), an unbalanced team with a 50-47 goal difference in the regular season. Then they beat Guadalajara, the best team in the regular season, 0-0 and 1-1, on the away goal rule, after injuries and sendings-off had weakened their rivals.

Finally, after drawing 1-1 in their home game against Cruz Azul in the final, they played better soccer in the second match and took advantage of a team poorly managed by their young Mexican manager Luis Enrique Tena. The score was 2-0.

Necaxa were the most popular team of the 1930s, winning four titles between 1933 and 1938. Their players were known as 'Los Once Hermanos' (The Eleven Brothers) and nine were part of the 1935 and 1938 CONCACAF champions. They also won the 1933 and 1936 Cup and they were dubbed 'Campeonisimos' (Super Champs).

When Mexican professional soccer started in 1943, original sponsors the Light & Power Co refused to back a professional team. In the 1950s the electrician's union revived the club, but they never took off and the franchise was sold in 1970, changing the name to Atletico Espanol.

Tired of having no followers, the franchise was sold to *Televisa* in 1982. They have tried, unsuccessfully, to woo the fans. In a season in which attendances averaged more than 30,000, Necaxa attracted a very poor average of 12,000. Their triumph has been heralded as a sort of return to the old glory days, but the moniker of Campeonisimos has been received with scepticism. If this title triumph increases the number of followers, things may change.

CARLOS F RAMIREZ

CANADA

Still flying the flag

CANADIAN Bobby Lenarduzzi may well have the most difficult job of any national team coach in the world.

Canada is a very large country with a small population, concentrated in a mostly straight line across almost 3,000 miles from the Atlantic to the Pacific. There is no national league.

As a spectator sport the game is about as popular as tiddly winks. The government rank it 19th in importance, behind canoeing and freestyle skiing.

Yet somehow, despite the monumental indifference of his countrymen, Lenarduzzi has kept football's flag flying and produced a competitive team, if not a winning one. In the past year Canada have drawn with Brazil, Portugal and Morocco, lost respectably to Germany, Holland, Spain, Denmark, Chile and Turkey, and beaten Northern Ireland.

Canada's place was hammered home by Turkey, who won 3-1 in Toronto and 3-0 in Montreal. The Turks were a class above, well balanced with pace and strength, yet Canada, to their credit, never stopped challenging, played with a lot of heart and had more than their share of the play in both games.

In Montreal, the teams were scoreless until the 69th minute. In Toronto, Canadian fans were outnumbered four to one by Turkish supporters in a crowd of 9,113. It was much the same in a smaller crowd of 2,500 in Montreal. There is a joke going around in Canadian soccer circles these days: "When did Canada last play a home game in Toronto?"

On the brighter side, Canadian fans show up in larger numbers in Edmonton than in Toronto, and that is where the team upset Northern Ireland, with two goals from Stoke striker Paul Peschisolido, who also scored against Chile.

Eventually Canada lost 3-2, the winner coming in the last minute.

Before the summer is out Canada will play Jamaica and then Trinidad and Tobago as part of the huge Caribana celebrations held each year in Toronto, then go to South America later in the year to play Chile and Bolivia.

COLIN JOSE

UNITED STATES

COACHING the US national team is evidently not an irresistibly attractive job. After Portugal's Carlos Queiroz had turned it down, it was the turn of Brazil's Carlos Alberto Parreira to just say no.

These refusals left the USSF, wh had too-hastily got rid of Bora Milutinovic, with egg on its face.

Now Milutinovic's former assista Steve Sampson has been appointe interim coach. After losses to Belgium and Costa Rica, Sampson team suddenly burst into life at the US Cup '95, beating Nigeria and Mexico, and drawing with Colomb

No fluke this – the resounding 4- win over Mexico was probably as good a game as any US team have ever played. Sampson, staking out his own claim to the job, has empha sised that only an American coach can understand the background an the mentality of the American playe

But it is now clear that 'the American player' is now a very diffe ent person from his predecessors. For the first time in its history, the USA are fielding a team composed primarily of players with extensive pro experience, most of it overseas

Will Sampson be confirmed as national coach? That would involve U-turn from USSF president Alan Rothenberg, who has said that a foreign coach is what's needed.

PAUL GARDNE

COSTA RICA

SAPRISSA captured their 20th League title, defeating Alajuel 3-2, in a two-leg final.

Oddly enough, the away team wo in each match, but Saprissa's 3-1 opening victory at Alejandro Morera Stadium proved to be decisive. Second-half goals by Oscar Ramire Rolando Fonseca and Michael Meyers erased Alajuela's 1-0 lead, provided by an Arguedas free-kick.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

UNDEFEATED Defence Force, led by Angus Eve's five goals, have taken a three-point lead over ECM Motown after nine rounds of play.

SHELL CARIBBEAN CUP

CUBA scored 15 goals in three games to qualify for the final stages of the Shell Caribbean Cup . . . but St Vincent and the Grenadines did even better.

They netted 21 times in their four qualifying matches, with Rodney Jack hitting three in a 9-0 defeat of Montserrat and then scoring six out of 11 in the second leg.

The other teams to go through ar French Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, St Lucia, Antigua and the Cayman Islands.

The tournament runs from July 19 30, in Jamaica and the Caymans, with the top pair from both four-tea groups going on to the semi-finals.

SCOTT GLE

TURKEY: England midfielder Barry Venison signs for Galatasaray from Newcastle United and will be joined in Istanbul by midfielder Mike Marsh from Coventry.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

AUSTRALIA: National coach Eddie Thomson is cleared of corruption by a parliamentary inquiry, which also recommends the abolition of Australia's domestic transfer system.

CAMEROON: Cameroon's poor showing in the African Nations Cup prompts Sports Minister Joseph Bipoun to appoint an emergency committee to run the federation.

FRANCE: Champions Nantes set off for their pre-season training camp in Switzerland without internationals Christian Karembeu and Patrice Loko . . . goalkeeper Fabien Barthez, who played for Marseille's 1993 Champions Cup-winning side, signs for Monaco.

GERMANY: Jurgen Klinsmann is revealed to have married his American girlfriend Debbie Chin on June 19 in California.

SPAIN: La Coruna win the Cup, beating Valencia 2-1 in bizarre circumstances as the clubs play the remaining 11 minutes of Saturday's abandoned final in front of a 65,000 crowd in Madrid's Estadio Bernabeu . . . Hristo Stoichov says he hopes to play in Italy next season . . . Dragoslav Stepanovic, sacked by Bayer Leverkusen, is appointed new coach to Bilbao . . . TV analyst Michael Robinson turns down an offer to become No 2 to Radomir Antic at Atletico Madrid.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

ITALY: A state prosecutor requests jail terms for 14 past and present officials of the Italian Olympic Committee in connection with the financial scandal over 1990 World Cup preparations.

MALAYSIA: National team striker Matlan Marjan and four other players are arrested for alleged bribery and match-fixing.

SCOTLAND: Former Holland coach Rinus Michels and top Swedish official Lars-Christer Olsson are included in a six-man independent commission set up by the SFA to recommend ways of changing the face of Scottish football.

SPAIN: Hristo Stoichkov says he is considering a new improved offer from Barcelona . . . Salamanca beat Albacete to gain promotion to the top division, but Gijon keep their place after beating Lerida.

TURKEY: The Interior Ministry decides to increase the jail term for using guns in residential areas from one month to one year to deter fans from shooting into the air in celebration after matches.

WALES: Wales dismiss manager Mike Smith after their disastrous Euro '96 campaign.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

ACTION: Brazil defeat Poland 2-1 on a waterlogged pitch in Recife.

BRAZIL: The Maracana may be privatised by the Rio council through a 20 or 30-year lease to a private company prepared to invest heavily in renovation and redevelopment.

CHILE: Real Madrid striker Ivan Zamorano confirms he has been left out of Chile's squad for the Copa America at his own request so he can rest after a tough Spanish season. Squad: Cornez, C Ramirez; Castaneda, Fuentes, Mendoza, Margas, M Ramirez, Acuna, Perez, Vilches, Guevara; Parraguez, (Universidad Catolica), Esteban Valencia, Patricio Mardones (Universidad de Chile), Estay, Galdamez, Sierra; Salas, Basay, Ruiz, Rozental, Barrera.

GERMANY: Champions Borussia Dortmund step in with an offer for Heiko Herrlich after the top-scoring striker's admits he wants to quit Borussia Monchengladbach . . . national coach Berti Vogts says German soccer is stagnating as a result of problems at both the club and national level. He blames poor technical and tactical skills, the clubs' reliance on mediocre foreign players at the expense of home-grown talent, and unreasonable public expectation of the national team.

ITALY: Sampdoria sign midfielder Christian Karembeu, the first player from New Caledonia to perform in Italy, from Nantes.

MALAYSIA: Jalil Dollah, coach of Malacca state's under-16 team, is banned from soccer for life after being found guilty of sexual misconduct – spending a night with a woman who was not his wife.

SOUTH AFRICA: The draw for the quarter-finals of the Champions Cup matches holders Esperance of Tunisia against Ismailia of Egypt.

SPAIN: Barcelona splash out again, this time signing international midfielder Angel Cuellar from Betis for £3.5million. Betis use the cash to bid for Juventus' Croat Robert Jarni. Champions Real Madrid open the bidding for Yokohama Marinos' Brazilian Zinho.

SWITZERLAND: The English FA ask FIFA for clarification of the proposed crackdown on agents after concern at non-licensed agents' involvement in major Premiership deals.

URUGUAY: The government reveals it has invested more than £13million in redevloping stadia for the Copa America.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

ACTION: Argentina beat Australia 2-0 in Buenos Aires.

COLOMBIA: Humberto Munoz Castro, the gunman who shot dead Andres Escobar last year, is sentenced to 43 years in jail.

ENGLAND: Leeds inquire about Parma's unsettled Colombian, Faustino Asprilla.

GERMANY: Heiko Herrlich goes to court in his effort to gain release from his contract with Borussia Monchengladbach. The case is adjourned to July 12.

ITALY: Abel Balbo and Nestor Sensini, Argentinian-born stars of Roma and Parma, are granted Italian citizenship on the basis of five years' residency. The FIGC also confirms European Union status on Milan's new striker George Weah and undertakes to lift, at the end of the 1995-96 season, restrictions on transfers of players from non-EU countries.

ROMANIA: Universitatea Craiova sack trainer Victor Piturca because he failed to achieve the double. Sorin Cirtu, who quit as Rapid Bucharest's coach after only two month, is appointed as Piturca's replacement.

SPAIN: Valencia's Bulgarian striker Luboslav Penev signs for Atletico Madrid . . . Barcelona release Eusebio to Celta of Vigo on a free.

SWITZERLAND: UEFA complains to the English FA that Tottenham, Wimbledon and Sheffield Wednesday's failure to field anything like senior teams in the Intertoto Cup allowed gamblers in Denmark to put money on all three losing at odds of 60-1.

TURKEY: Galatasaray agree terms to sign Wales striker Dean Saunders from Aston Villa.

URUGUAY: Uruguay include veteran Francescoli in their squad for the Copa America. Squad: Alvez, Arbiza, Ferro; Aguirregaray, Moas, Herrera, Adinolfi, Mendez, Tabare Silva, Lopez; Gutierrez, Bengoechea, Ruben da Silva, Saralegui, Dorta, Abeijon; Fonseca, Sosa, Francescoli, Poyet, Martinez, Otero.

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LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Flamengo, 7 Dukla, 8 Thern, 9 Irwin, 10 Mols, 13 Lvov, 14 James, 17 Vitor, 18 Obiku, 19 Antoniou.

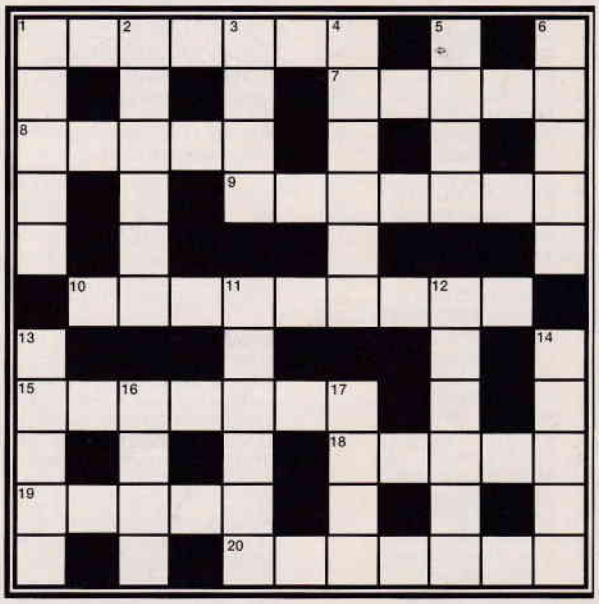
Down: 1 Foda, 2 Azkargorta, 3 Francio, 4 Gota, 5 Penksa, 6 Belodedici, 11 Slavia, 12 Tapoko, 15 Fran, 16 Lupu.

CLUES ACROSS

1 .....Ex-Uruguay coach, briefly boss at Racing Club Argentina last season (7)
7 .....Warsaw club reigning as Polish champions (5)
8 .....African nation whose clubs include El Ittihad and Al Ahly (5)
9 .....£13m Milan forward recruited from Torino (7)
10. .....N. Ireland club from the Oval (9)
15 .....First Player to score in a European Champions Cup final (7)
18 .....Ferenc, Hungarian international striker of Honved and Samsung fame (5)
19 .....Polish U-21 midfielder contracted to Grasshopper of Switzerland (5)
20 .....World Soccer's Player of the Year, 1994 (7)

CLUES DOWN

1 .....Tanju .....: Turkey's Soulier d'Or winner, 1988 (5)
2 ..... Bayern's former Hamburg defender capped by Vogts in '95 (6)
3 .....Ex-Viseu, Sporting and Portugal defender recently at Belenenses (4)
4 .....'Keeper who skippered Madrid's 1958 European Cup winners (6)
5 .....Veteran Servette defender in the Swiss World Cup squad at US '94 (4)
6 .....French striker of Marseille, Milan and Bayern (5)
11 .....Chad goalscorer starring for Nantes (6)
12.....Cine e Lillo del Duca club from Italy's second flight (6)
13.....Manager of England's Nottingham Forest (5)
14 .....Tenerife's ex-Valencia Argentinian in Spain's National squad (5)
16..... ..... \Wanderers, former Irish 1st Division club from the Carlisle Grounds (4)
17 .....Star East German forward who served Hamburg and Lazio (4)



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GROUP 1

04.09.94	Israel v Poland	2-1
07.09.94	Slovakia v France	0-0
07.09.94	Romania v Azerbaijan	3-0
08.10.94	France v Romania	0-0
12.10.94	Israel v Slovakia	2-2
12.10.94	Poland v Azerbaijan	1-0
12.11.94	Romania v Slovakia	3-2
16.11.94	Poland v France	0-0
16.11.94	Azerbaijan v Israel	0-2
13.12.94	Azerbaijan v France	0-2
14.12.94	Israel v Romania	1-1
29.03.95	Romania v Poland	2-1
29.03.95	Israel v France	0-0
29.03.95	Slovakia v Azerbaijan	4-1
25.04.95	Poland v Israel	4-3
26.04.95	France v Slovakia	4-0
26.04.95	Azerbaijan v Romania	1-4
07.06.95	Poland v Slovakia	5-0
07.06.95	Romania v Israel	2-1
16.08.95	France v Poland	
16.08.95	Azerbaijan v Slovakia	
06.09.95	France v Azerbaijan	
06.09.95	Slovakia v Israel	
06.09.95	Poland v Romania	
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11.10.95	Israel v Azerbaijan	
11.10.95	Slovakia v Poland	
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15.11.95	Azerbaijan v Poland	
15.11.95	France v Israel	

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Romania	7	5	2	0	15	5	17
France	6	2	4	0	6	0	10
Poland	6	3	1	2	12	7	10
Israel	7	2	3	2	11	10	9
Slovakia	6	1	2	3	8	15	5
Azerbaijan	6	0	0	6	2	16	0

GROUP 2

07.09.94	Cyprus v Spain	1-2
07.09.94	Macedonia v Denmark	1-1
07.09.94	Belgium v Armenia	2-0
06.10.94	Armenia v Cyprus	0-0
12.10.94	Denmark v Belgium	3-1
12.10.94	Macedonia v Spain	0-2
16.11.94	Belgium v Macedonia	1-1
16.11.94	Spain v Denmark	3-0
16.11.94	Cyprus v Armenia	2-0
17.12.94	Belgium v Spain	1-4
17.12.94	Macedonia v Cyprus	3-0
29.03.95	Spain v Belgium	1-1
29.03.95	Cyprus v Denmark	1-1
26.04.95	Armenia v Spain	0-2
26.04.95	Belgium v Cyprus	2-0
26.04.95	Denmark v Macedonia	1-0
10.05.95	Armenia v Macedonia	2-2
07.06.95	Denmark v Cyprus	4-0
07.06.95	Macedonia v Belgium	0-5
07.06.95	Spain v Armenia	1-0
16.08.95	Armenia v Denmark	
06.09.95	Belgium v Denmark	
06.09.95	Spain v Cyprus	
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15.11.95	Cyprus v Belgium	
15.11.95	Denmark v Armenia	

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Spain	7	6	1	0	15	3	19
Belgium	7	3	2	2	13	9	11
Denmark	6	3	2	1	10	6	11
Cyprus	7	1	2	4	4	12	5
Macedonia	7	1	3	3	7	12	6
Armenia	6	0	2	4	2	9	2

GROUP 3

07.09.94	Iceland v Sweden	0-1
07.09.94	Hungary v Turkey	2-2
12.10.94	Turkey v Iceland	5-0
12.10.94	Switzerland v Sweden	4-2
16.11.94	Switzerland v Iceland	1-0
16.11.94	Sweden v Hungary	2-0
14.12.94	Turkey v Switzerland	1-2
29.03.95	Turkey v Sweden	2-1
29.03.95	Hungary v Switzerland	2-2
26.04.95	Hungary v Sweden	1-0
26.04.95	Switzerland v Turkey	1-2
01.06.95	Sweden v Iceland	1-1
11.06.95	Iceland v Hungary	2-1
16.08.95	Iceland v Switzerland	
06.09.95	Sweden v Switzerland	
06.09.95	Turkey v Hungary	
11.10.95	Switzerland v Hungary	
11.10.95	Iceland v Turkey	
11.11.95	Hungary v Iceland	
15.11.95	Sweden v Turkey	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	5	3	1	1	12	6	10
Switzerland	5	3	1	1	10	7	10
Sweden	6	2	1	3	7	8	7
Hungary	5	1	2	2	6	8	5
Iceland	5	1	1	3	3	9	4

GROUP 4

04.09.94	Estonia v Croatia	0-2
07.09.94	Slovenia v Italy	1-1
07.09.94	Ukraine v Lithuania	0-2
08.10.94	Estonia v Italy	0-2
09.10.94	Croatia v Lithuania	2-0
12.10.94	Ukraine v Slovenia	0-0
13.11.94	Ukraine v Estonia	3-0
16.11.94	Slovenia v Lithuania	1-2
16.11.94	Italy v Croatia	1-2
25.03.95	Italy v Estonia	4-1
25.03.95	Croatia v Ukraine	4-0
29.03.95	Slovenia v Estonia	3-0
29.03.95	Ukraine v Italy	0-2
29.03.95	Lithuania v Croatia	0-0
26.04.95	Lithuania v Italy	0-1
26.04.95	Croatia v Slovenia	2-0
26.04.95	Estonia v Ukraine	0-1
07.06.95	Lithuania v Slovenia	2-1
11.06.95	Estonia v Slovenia	1-3
11.06.95	Ukraine v Croatia	1-0
16.08.95	Estonia v Lithuania	
03.09.95	Croatia v Estonia	
06.09.95	Italy v Slovenia	
06.09.95	Lithuania v Ukraine	
08.10.95	Croatia v Italy	
11.10.95	Slovenia v Ukraine	
11.10.95	Lithuania v Estonia	
11.11.95	Italy v Ukraine	
15.11.95	Slovenia v Croatia	
15.11.95	Italy v Lithuania	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	7	5	1	1	12	2	16
Italy	6	4	1	1	11	4	13
Lithuania	6	3	1	2	6	5	10
Ukraine	7	3	1	3	5	8	10
Slovenia	7	2	2	3	9	8	8
Estonia	7	0	0	7	2	18	0

GROUP 5

06.09.94	Czech Rep v Malta	6-1
07.09.94	Luxembourg v Holland	0-4
07.09.94	Norway v Byelorussia	1-0
12.10.94	Malta v Czech Rep	0-0
12.10.94	Byelorussia v Lux'brg	2-0
12.10.94	Norway v Holland	1-1
16.11.94	Byelorussia v Norway	0-4
16.11.94	Holland v Czech Rep	0-0
14.12.94	Malta v Norway	0-1
14.12.94	Holland v Luxembourg	5-0
22.02.95	Malta v Luxembourg	0-1
29.03.95	Czech v Byelorussia	4-2
29.03.95	Luxembourg v Norway	0-2
29.03.95	Holland v Malta	4-0
26.04.95	Byelorussia v Malta	1-1
26.04.95	Czech Rep v Holland	3-1
26.04.95	Norway v Luxembourg	5-0
07.06.95	Byelorussia v Holland	1-0
07.06.95	Lux'bourg v Czech Rep	1-0
07.06.95	Norway v Malta	2-0
16.08.95	Norway v Czech Rep	
06.09.95	Czech Rep v Norway	
06.09.95	Luxembourg v Malta	
06.09.95	Holland v Byelorussia	
07.10.95	Byelorussia v Czech Rep	
11.10.95	Malta v Holland	
11.10.95	Luxembourg v Byelorussia	
12.11.95	Malta v Byelorussia	
15.11.95	Czech Rep v Luxembourg	
15.11.95	Holland v Norway	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	7	6	1	0	16	1	19
Holland	7	3	2	2	15	5	11
Czech Rep	6	3	2	1	13	5	11
Byelorussia	6	2	1	3	6	10	7
Luxembourg	7	2	0	5	2	18	6
Malta	7	0	2	5	2	15	2

GROUP 6

20.04.94	N. Ireland v Lch'stein	4-1
07.09.94	Liechtenstein v Austria	0-4
07.09.94	N. Ireland v Portugal	1-2
07.09.94	Latvia v Rep. Ireland	0-3
09.10.94	Latvia v Portugal	1-3
12.10.94	Austria v N. Ireland	1-2
12.10.94	Rep Ireland v Lch'stein	4-0
13.11.94	Portugal v Austria	1-0
15.11.94	Liechtenstein v Latvia	0-1
16.11.94	N. Ireland v R. Ireland	0-4
18.12.94	Portugal v Lch'stein	8-0
29.03.95	R. Ireland v N. Ireland	1-1
29.03.95	Austria v Latvia	5-0
26.04.95	Rep. Ireland v Portugal	1-0
26.04.95	Latvia v N. Ireland	0-1
26.04.95	Austria v Liechtenstein	7-0
03.06.95	Portugal v Latvia	3-2
03.06.95	Lch'stein v Rep. Ireland	0-0
07.06.95	N. Ireland v Latvia	1-2
11.06.95	Rep. Ireland v Austria	1-3
15.08.95	Liechtenstein v Portugal	
16.08.95	Latvia v Austria	
03.09.95	Portugal v N. Ireland	
06.09.95	Austria v Rep. Ireland	
06.09.95	Latvia v Liechtenstein	
11.10.95	Rep. Ireland v Latvia	
11.10.95	Austria v Portugal	
11.10.95	Liechtenstein v N. Ireland	
15.11.95	Portugal v Rep. Ireland	
15.11.95	N. Ireland v Austria	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	6	5	0	1	17	5	15
Rep. Ireland	7	4	2	1	14	4	14
Austria	6	4	0	2	20	4	12
North Ireland	7	3	1	3	10	11	10
Latvia	7	2	0	5	6	16	6
Liechtenstein	7	0	1	6	1	28	1

GROUP 7

07.09.94	Wales v Albania	2-0
07.09.94	Georgia v Moldova	0-1
12.10.94	Moldova v Wales	3-2
12.10.94	Bulgaria v Georgia	2-0
16.11.94	Albania v Germany	1-2
16.11.94	Georgia v Wales	5-0
16.11.94	Bulgaria v Moldova	4-1
14.12.94	Wales v Bulgaria	0-3
14.12.94	Moldova v Germany	0-3
14.12.94	Albania v Georgia	0-1
18.12.94	Germany v Albania	2-1
29.03.95	Georgia v Germany	0-2
29.03.95	Bulgaria v Wales	3-1
29.03.95	Albania v Moldova	3-0
26.04.95	Germany v Wales	1-1
26.04.95	Moldova v Bulgaria	0-3
26.04.95	Georgia v Albania	2-0
07.06.95	Bulgaria v Germany	3-2
07.06.95	Wales v Georgia	0-1
07.06.95	Moldova v Albania	2-3
06.09.95	Germany v Georgia	
06.09.95	Wales v Moldova	
06.09.95	Albania v Bulgaria	
07.10.95	Bulgaria v Albania	
08.10.95	Germany v Moldova	
11.10.95	Wales v Germany	
11.10.95	Georgia v Bulgaria	
15.11.95	Germany v Bulgaria	
15.11.95	Albania v Wales	
15.11.95	Moldova v Georgia	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	6	6	0	0	18	4	18
Germany	6	4	1	1	12	6	13
Georgia	7	4	0	3	9	5	12
Albania	7	2	0	5	8	11	6
Moldova	7	2	0	5	7	18	6
Wales	7	1	1	5	6	16	4

GROUP 8

07.09.94	Finland v Scotland	
07.09.94	Faroe Islands v Greece	
12.10.94	Scotland v Faroes	
12.10.94	Greece v Finland	
12.10.94	Russia v San Marino	
16.11.94	Scotland v Russia	
16.11.94	Greece v San Marino	
16.11.94	Finland v Faroe Islands	
14.12.94	Finland v San Marino	
18.12.94	Greece v Scotland	
29.03.94	Russia v Scotland	
29.03.95	San Marino v Finland	
26.04.95	San Marino v Scotland	
26.04.95	Greece v Russia	
26.04.95	Faroe Islands v Finland	
06.05.95	Russia v Faroe Islands	
25.05.95	Faroes v San Marino	
07.06.95	Faroes v Scotland	
07.06.95	San Marino v Russia	
11.06.95	Finland v Greece	
16.08.95	Scotland v Greece	
16.08.95	Finland v Russia	
06.09.95	Scotland v Finland	
06.09.95	Faroe Islands v Russia	
06.09.95	San Marino v Greece	
11.10.95	Russia v Greece	
11.10.95	San Marino v Faroes	
15.11.95	Scotland v San Marino	
15.11.95	Russia v Finland	
15.11.95	Greece v Faroe Islands	

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Finland	7	5	0	2	17	[illegible]
Russia	6	4	2	0	18	[illegible]
Scotland	7	4	2	1	12	[illegible]
Greece	6	4	0	2	13	[illegible]
Faroes	7	1	0	6	5	24
San Marino	7	0	0	7	1	25

The European Championship Fina[illegible] run from Saturday June 8, 1995, [illegible] Sunday June 30, at eight venues [illegible] the competing nations split into [illegible] groups of four.
Group A: Wembley and Villa Par[illegible] (Birmingham),
Group B: Elland Road (Leeds) an[illegible] James' Park (Newcastle),
Group C: Old Trafford (Manches[illegible] and Anfield (Liverpool), and
Group D: Hillsborough (Sheffield) and City Ground (Nottingham).

FIRST ROUND

08.06.96	A1 v A2	Wembley
09.06.96	B1 v B2	Leeds
09.06.96	C1 v C2	Manchester
09.06.96	D1 v D2	Sheffield
10.06.96	A3 v A4	Birmingham
10.06.96	B3 v B4	Newcastle
11.06.96	C3 v C4	Liverpool
11.06.96	D3 v D4	Nottingham
13.06.96	A2 v A3	Birmingham
13.06.96	B2 v B3	Newcastle
14.06.96	C2 v C3	Liverpool
14.06.96	D2 v D3	Nottingham
15.06.96	A4 v A1	Wembley
15.06.96	B4 v B1	Leeds
16.06.96	C4 v C1	Manchester
16.06.96	D4 v D1	Sheffield
18.06.96	A4 v A2	Birmingham
18.06.96	B4 v B2	Newcastle
18.06.96	A3 v A1	Wembley
18.06.96	B3 v B1	Leeds
19.06.96	C4 v C2	Liverpool
19.06.96	D4 v D2	Nottingham
19.06.96	C3 v C1	Manchester
19.06.96	D3 v D1	Sheffield

QUARTER-FINALS

22.06.96	1B v 2A	Liverpool
22.06.96	2B v 1A	Wembley
23.06.96	1C v 2D	Manchester
23.06.96	2C v 1D	Birmingham

SEMI-FINALS

26.06.96	QF1 v QF4	Manchester
26.06.96	QF2 v QF3	Wembley

FINAL

30.06.96	SF1 v SF2	Wembley

RESULTS

Deportivo La Coruna win rain-interrupted Spanish Cup Final . . .

AUSTRIA

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 4

WEEKEND

LINZ 0
VfB MODLING 3 (Puskas 33, Maier 58, Steiger 89). Att: 1,000.

FC TIROL 6 (Janeschitz 54, 60, Sane 59, 73, Kirchner 87, Poiger 87)
LINZER ASK 1 (Linzmaier 11). Att: 1,000.

VORWARTS STEYR 0
RAPID WIEN 1 (Heraf 19). Att: 4,000.

AUSTRIA WIEN 0
SALZBURG 1 (Kocian 64). Att: 2,000.

ADMIRA WACKER 1 (Schiener 10)
STURM GRAZ 2 (Haas 63, Vastic 73). Att: 3,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 11

MIDWEEK

AUSTRIAN CUP – FINAL

RAPID WIEN 1 (Guggi 19)
DSV LEOBEN 0.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 18

MIDWEEK

ADMIRA WACKER 2 (Mayrleb 54, Gager 89)
FC LINZ 0. Att: 500.

SALZBURG 2 (Stadler 28, Pfeffenberger 67)
VORWARTS STEYR 0. Att: 15,000.

LINZER ASK 4 (Linzmaier 43, 59, Gurinovic 53, Russ 75)
VfB MODLING 1 (Aberle 88). **Att:** 1,000.

RAPID WIEN 2 (Hatz 27, Heraf 74)
FC TIROL 2 (Sane 33, Stoger 84). **Att:** 9,000.

STURM GRAZ 6 (Tsjernisov 5, Wetl 12, Vastic 24, Haas 59, Prilasnin 59, Wimmer 83)
AUSTRIA WIEN 0. Att: 11,000.

WEEKEND

FC LINZ 0
LINZER ASK 4 (Gurinovic 5, Haiden 14, 77, Weissenberger 85). **Att:** 5,000.

VfB MODLING 0
RAPID WIEN 3 (Kuhbauer 24, Heraf 40, Guggi 73). **Att:** 3,000.

FC TIROL 2 (Poiger 15, Sane 42)
SALZBURG 0. Att: 14,000.

VORWARTS STEYR 1 (Vukovic 34)
STURM GRAZ 2 (Haas 40 63). **Att:** 3,000.

AUSTRIA WIEN 1 (Mjelde 72)
ADMIRA WACKER 2 (Gager 68, Panis 85). **Att:** 2,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 25

WEEKEND

PROMOTION PLAY-OFFS

FC LINZ 0 SV RIED 2
SV RIED 1 FC LINZ 0

AUSTRIA – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Salzburg	36	15	17	4	48	24	47
Sturm Graz	36	18	11	7	58	41	47
Rapid Vienna	36	19	9	8	63	50	46
Austria Wien	36	16	11	9	58	39	43
FC Tirol	36	15	10	11	61	44	40
Linzer ASK	36	14	11	11	51	44	39
Admira Wacker	36	11	12	13	48	55	33
Vorwarts Steyr	36	9	11	16	40	49	29
FC Linz	36	5	10	21	33	81	20
VfB Modling	36	5	8	23	32	69	16

FRANCE

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 4

WEEKEND

AUXERRE 1 (Baticle 25)
STRASBOURG 0. Att: 7,000.

BASTIA 6 (Vandecasteele 5, 28, Rodriguez 6, Drobnjak 50, Camadini 87, Ferhaoui og 90)
CANNES 3 (Micoud 23, Kozniku 35, 57). **Att:** 5,000.

CAEN 3 (Simba 12, Peron 60, Lemarchand 82)
SOCHAUX 1 (Croce 14). **Att:** 11,268.

LILLE 3 (Assadourian 10, Farina 51, 87)
LENS 1 (Meyrieu 20). **Att:** 13,000.

LYON 1 (Sassus 90)
NANTES 1 (Loko 29). **Att:** 36,018.

MARTIGUES 2 (David 70, Sanchez og 89)
MONTPELLIER 1 (Divert pen 64). **Att:** 3,200.

METZ 2 (Song'o 6, Pires 28)
MONACO 0. Att: 10,041.

NICE 0
BORDEAUX 2 (Dugarry 36, Zidane 88). **Att:** 2,881.

PARIS SG 2 (Guerin 59, Nouma 90)
LE HAVRE 2 (Caveglia pen 7, Daury 54). **Att:** 25,839.

RENNES 2 (Wiltord 41, Merdy 64)
ST ETIENNE 2 (Swierczewski 36, Priou 61). **Att:** 11,012.

FRANCE – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nantes	38	21	16	1	71	34	79
Lyon	38	19	12	7	56	38	69
Paris SG	38	20	7	11	58	41	67
Auxerre	38	15	17	6	59	34	62
Lens	38	15	14	9	48	44	59
Monaco	38	15	12	11	60	39	57
Bordeaux	38	16	9	13	52	47	57
Metz	38	16	8	14	50	44	56
Cannes	38	15	8	15	56	48	53
Strasbourg	38	13	12	13	43	43	51
Martugues	38	13	12	13	37	49	51
Le Havre	38	12	13	13	46	49	49
Rennes	38	12	12	14	53	55	48
Lille	38	13	9	16	29	44	48
Bastia	38	11	11	16	44	56	44
Nice	38	11	10	17	39	52	43
Montpellier	38	9	14	15	38	53	41
St Etienne	38	9	11	18	45	55	38
Caen	38	10	6	22	38	58	36
Sochaux	38	6	5	27	29	68	23

GERMANY

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 11

WEEKEND

WERDER BREMEN 2 (Basler 3, Bode 25)
KARLSRUHE 1 (Schmitt 55). **Att:** 39,184.

MSV DUISBURG 2 (F. Schmidt 19, Puschmann 50)
BORUSSIA DORTMUND 3 (Zorc 52, Reuter 57, 78). **Att:** 30,500.

SC FREIBURG 1 (Heinrich 78)
BAYER UERDINGEN 0. Att: 16,500.

MUNICH 1860 1 (Winkler 17)
KAISERSLAUTERN 3 (Haber 14, Kuka 42, 67). **Att:** 28,500.

BORUSSIA MG 3 (Salou 46, Dahlin 53, Effenberg 81)
VfB STUTTGART 1 (Bobic 23). **Att:** 30,500.

DYNAMO DRESDEN 0
BAYERN MUNICH 1 (Witeczek 88). **Att:** 28,000.

KOLN 3 (Labbadia 69, Weiser 73, Steinmann 86)
BAYER LEVERKUSEN 3 (Voller 29 pen, Kirsten 53,62). **Att:** 33,000.

VfL BOCHUM 5 (Wosz 8, Wegmann 29 pen, 55, Heinemann 47, Michalke 78)
SCHALKE 1 (A. Mulle 19). **Att:** 25,062.

HAMBURG 3 (Breitenreiter 62, Abertz 78, Mason 85)
EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 1 (Anicic 68). **Att:** 18,636.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 18

WEEKEND

BAYER LEVERKUSEN 2 (Hapal 6, Kirsten 72)
DYNAMO DRESDEN 2 (Fuchs 52, M. Spies 85). **Att:** 16,800.

BAYERN MUNICH 3 (Ziege 14, Zickler 41, 78)
WERDER BREMEN 1 (Basler pen 38). **Att:** 63,000.

BORUSSIA DORTMUND 2 (Moller 8, Ricken 28)
HAMBURG 0. Att: 42,800.

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 3 (Binz 10, Okocha 40, M. Becker 52)
1860 MUNICH 1 (Winkler 46). **Att:** 28,300.

KAISERSLAUTERN 3 (Haber 15, Kuntz 53, 86)
KOLN 1 (Janssen 57). **Att:** 38,900.

KARLSRUHE 2 (Reekers og 67, Bonan 71)
VfL BOCHUM 2 (Hubner 22, Peschel 76). **Att:** 25,000.

SCHALKE 1 (Pereira 39)
FREIBURG 2 (U. Spies 45, Heindenreich 88). **Att:** 32,030.

VfB STUTTGART 3 (Bochtler 27, Elber 51, 53)
MSV DUISBURG 1 (Azzouzi 69). **Att:** 15,000.

BAYER UERDINEN 3 (Wedau 18, Steffen pen 39, Peschke 57)
BORUSSIA MG 2 (Herrlich pen 46, Wynhoff 79). **Att:** 31,415.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 25

WEEKEND

GERMAN CUP – FINAL

BORUSSIA MG 3 (Dahlin 13, Effenberg 61, Herrlich 86)
VfL WOLFSBURG 0. Att: 75,717.

GERMANY – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bor. Dortmund	34	20	9	5	67	33	49
Werder Bremen	34	20	8	6	70	39	48
SC Freiburg	34	20	6	8	66	44	46
Kaiserslautern	34	17	12	5	58	41	46
Borussia MG	34	17	9	8	66	41	43
Bayern Munich	34	15	13	6	55	42	43
Leverkusen	34	13	10	11	62	51	36
Karlsruhe	34	11	14	9	51	47	36
Ein. Frankfurt	34	12	9	13	42	49	33
Koln	34	11	10	13	54	54	32
Schalke	34	10	11	13	48	54	31
VfB Stuttgart	34	10	10	14	53	67	30
Hamburg	34	10	9	15	43	50	29
Munich 1860	34	8	11	15	41	57	27
Uerdingen	34	7	11	16	37	52	25
VfL Bochum	34	9	4	21	43	67	22
Duisburg	34	6	8	20	31	64	20
Dyn. Dresden	34	4	8	22	33	68	16

ITALY

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 4

WEEKEND

BARI 1 (Amoruso 70)
SAMPDORIA 2 (Mihajlovic 29, Mancini 44). **Att:** 19,847.

CREMONESE 2 (Chiesa 26, Sclosa 57)
AS ROMA 5 (Chiesa 26, Balbo 50, 80 pen, Cappioli 70, 90). **Att:** 8,700.

FIORENTINA 1 (Batistuta 42)
MILAN 2 (Melli 5, Simone 82 pen). **Att:** 34,273.

GENOA 1 (Skuhravy 50)
TORINO 0. Att: 21,985.

JUVENTUS 3 (Del Piero 21, Firicano og 67, Ravanelli 89)
CAGLIARI 1 (Allegri 61). **Att:** 50,572.

LAZIO 1 (Colucci 89)
BRESCIA 0. Att: 55,788.

INTERNAZIONALE 2 (Orlandini 66, Delvecchio 89)
PADOVA 1 (Maniero 20). **Att:** 60,000.

NAPOLI 1 (Agostini pen 24)
PARMA 0. Att: 50,000.

REGGIANA 1 (Simutenkov 38)
FOGGIA 1 (Kolyvanov 68). **Att:** 10,392.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 11

MIDWEEK

ITALIAN CUP – FINAL, 1ST LEG

JUVENTUS 1 (Porrini 10)
PARMA 0
Att: 34,000.

WEEKEND

ITALIAN CUP – FINAL, 2ND LEG

PARMA 0
JUVENTUS 2 (Porrini 26, Ravanelli 52). **Att:** 27,000.
Juventus won 3-0 on agg

ITALY – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	34	23	4	7	59	32	73
Lazio	34	19	6	9	69	34	63
Parma	34	18	9	7	51	31	63
Milan	34	17	9	8	53	32	60
AS Roma	34	16	11	7	46	25	59
Internazionale	34	14	10	10	39	34	52
Napoli	34	13	12	9	40	45	51
Sampdoria	34	13	11	10	51	37	50
Cagliari	34	13	10	11	40	39	49
Fiorentina	34	12	11	11	61	57	47
Torino	34	12	9	13	44	48	45
Bari	34	12	8	14	40	43	44
Cremonese	34	11	8	15	35	38	41
Genoa	34	10	10	14	34	49	40
Padova	34	12	4	18	37	58	40
Foggia	34	8	10	16	32	50	34
Reggiana	34	4	6	24	24	56	18
Brescia	34	2	6	26	18	65	12

PORTUGAL

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 11

WEEKEND

PORTUGUESE CUP – FINAL

SPORTING LISBON 2
(Yordanov 9, 86)
MARITIMO 0. Att: 55,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 18

WEEKEND

BENFICA 2 (Edilson 14, 34)
SPORTING LISBON 0.
● *Match replayed by order of the Federation [original result void due to referee error].*

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 25

WEEKEND

1993-94 PORTUGUESE SUPER CUP – REPLAY

FC PORTO 1 (Domingos 50)
BENFICA 0. Att: 32,000 *(in Paris).*

PORTUGAL – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Porto	34	29	4	1	73	15	62
Sporting Lisbon	34	22	9	3	57	22	53
Benfica	34	22	5	7	61	28	49
Guimaraes	34	16	10	8	54	43	42
Farense	34	16	5	13	44	37	37
Leiria	34	13	10	11	42	44	36
Maritimo	34	12	11	11	41	44	35
Tirsense	34	14	6	14	35	34	34
Boavista	34	12	8	14	40	49	32
Braga	34	11	10	13	34	42	32
Salgueiros	34	11	7	16	43	50	29
Belenenses	34	10	7	17	30	51	27
Amadora	34	6	14	14	29	38	26
Gil Vicente	34	7	13	14	30	40	27
Chaves	34	10	8	16	33	49	27
Amadora	34	6	14	14	29	38	26
Madeira	34	7	10	17	30	54	24
Beira Mar	34	8	5	21	33	54	21
Setubal	34	3	13	18	26	45	13

SPAIN

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 4

MIDWEEK

SPANISH CUP – SEMI-FINALS, 1ST LEG

SPORTING GIJON 0
LA CORUNA 2

VALENCIA 1
ALBACETE 1

WEEKEND

ALBACETE 1 (Zalazar 30)
REAL VALLADOLID 0. Att: 8,000.

ATHLETIC BILBAO 1 (Guerrero 87)
REAL OVIEDO 0. Att: 25,000.

REAL BETIS 1 (Marquez 27)
CELTA VIGO 1 (Jaime 3). **Att:** 35,000.

COMPOSTELA 2 (Ohen 46, Christensen 64)
ATLETICO MADRID 1 (Valencia 78). **Att:** 12,000.

ESPANYOL 5 (Lardin 15, 26, Francisco 29, 56 pen, Roberto 59)
VALENCIA 0. Att: 30,000.

LOGRONES 1 (Silvio 33)
BARCELONA 4 (Beguiristain 11, Cruyff 45, 75, Guardiola 47). **Att:** 12,000.

RACING SANTANDER 2 (Adepoju 45, Quique Setien pen 62)
TENERIFE 1 (Latorre 17). **Att:** 14,000.

REAL MADRID 2 (Amavisca 38, Zamorano 80)
LA CORUNA 1 (Bebeto 63)
Att: 106,000.

REAL ZARAGOZA 0
SEVILLA 1 (Moya 48). **Att:** 32,000.

SPORTING GIJON 1 (Lediakhov 31)
REAL SOCIEDAD 2 (Etcheverria 54, 65). **Att:** 18,500.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 11

WEEKEND

CELTA VIGO 0
REAL MADRID 2 (Raul 82, Ribera 87) **Att:** 30,000.

LA CORUNA 5 (Djukic 6, Bebeto 21, 41, Fran 35, Julio Salinas 39)
LOGRONES 0. Att: 27,000.

REAL BETIS 2 (Kowalczyk 15, Sabas 78)
SEVILLA 1 (Tevenet 83). **Att:** 38,000.

BARCELONA 0
ALBACETE 1 (Bjelica 30).
Att: 70,000.

TENERIFE 1 (Castillo 50)
ESPANYOL 1 (Francisco 36).
Att: 18,000.

ATLETICO MADRID 2 (Geli 25 pen, Manolo 87)
REAL ZARAGOZA 0. Att: 45,000.

VALLADOLID 0
ATHLETIC BILBAO 1 (Guerrero 63).
Att: 10,000.

REAL OVIEDO 1 (Oli 57)
SPORTING GIJON 0. Att: 14,553.

VALENCIA 4 (Penev 50 pen, 75, 93, Fernando 88)
COMPOSTELLA 1 (Fernando 88).
Att: 25,000.

REAL SOCIEDAD 0
RACING SANTANDER 1 (Radchenko 19). **Att:** 18,00.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 18

MIDWEEK

SPANISH CUP – SEMI-FINALS, 2ND LEG

LA CORUNA 0 SPT. GIJON 1
La Coruna won 2-1 on agg

ALBACETE 1 VALENCIA 2
Valencia won 3-2 on agg

WEEKEND

SPORTING GIJON 1 (Sequeiros 44)
REAL VALLADOLID 3 (Espejo og 11, Alberto 74, 78). **Att:** 10,000.

ALBACETE 2 (Andonov 17, Zalazar 66)
LA CORUNA 8 (Djukic 7, Manjarin 42, 74, Salinas 52, 76, 89, Jose Ramon 69, Donato 72). **Att:** 9,000.

ATHLETIC BILBAO 0
BARCELONA 2 (Beguiristain 37, Cruyff 77). **Att:** 45,000.

COMPOSTELA 2 (Chen 10, Christensen 80)
TENERIFE 0. Att: 12,500.

ESPANYOL 0
REAL SOCIEDAD 0. Att: 30,000.

LOGRONES 0
CELTA VIGO 3 (Gudelj 36, 76 pen, 89). **Att:** 5,000.

RACING SANTANDER 2 (Popov 36, Radchenko 85)
REAL OVIEDO 0. Att: 20,000.

REAL MADRID 0
REAL BETIS 2 (Aquino 19, 49).
Att: 106,000.

SEVILLA 2 (Suker 59, Monchu 79)
ATLETICO MADRID 2 (Kiko 22, Simeone 32). **Att:** 45,000.

REAL ZARAGOZA 2 (Inigo 47, Esnaider 74)
VALENCIA 2 (Fernando 52, Arroyo 58). **Att:** 23,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 25

MIDWEEK

PROMOTION/RELEGATION PLAY-OFFS – 1ST LEG

SALAMANCA 0 ALBACETE 2

LLEIDA 2 SPORTING GIJON 2

WEEKEND

SPANISH CUP – FINAL

LA CORUNA 2 (Manjarin 35, Santaeleña 80)
VALENCIA 1 (Mijatovic 70).
Att: 106,000.
● *The match was stopped in the 79th minute due to a downpour. The final 11 minutes were played on June 28, in front of a crowd of 65,000.*

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JULY 2

MIDWEEK

PROMOTION/RELEGATION PLAY-OFFS – 2ND LEG

SPORTING GIJON 3 LLEIDA 2
Sporting won 5-4 on agg

ALBACETE 0 SALAMANCA 5
Aet, Salamanca won 5-2 on agg

SPAIN – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	38	23	9	6	76	29	55
La Coruna	38	20	11	7	68	32	51
Real Betis	38	15	16	7	46	25	46
Barcelona	38	18	10	10	60	45	46
Espanyol	38	14	15	9	51	35	43
Sevilla	38	16	11	11	55	41	43
Real Zaragoza	38	18	7	13	56	51	43
Athletic Bilbao	38	16	10	12	39	42	42
Real Oviedo	38	13	13	12	12	45	42
Real Sociedad	38	12	14	12	56	44	38
Valencia	38	13	12	13	53	48	38
Racing Santander	38	13	10	15	42	47	36
Celta Vigo	38	11	14	13	36	48	36
Atletico Madrid	38	13	9	16	56	54	35
Tenerife	38	13	9	16	57	57	35
Compostella	38	11	12	15	44	56	34
Albacete	38	10	14	14	44	61	34
Sporting Gijon	38	8	12	18	42	67	28
Real Valladolid	38	8	9	21	25	63	25
Logrones	38	1	9	27	15	79	13

RESULTS

Brazil win Umbro Cup . . . Ecuador win Korea Cup . . . Paraguay wi

SWITZERLAND

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 4

MIDWEEK

SWISS CUP – FINAL

SION 4 GRASSHOPPER 2

WEEKEND

FC BASEL 1 (Gigon 62)
NEUCHATEL XAMAX 2
(Aleksandrov 70, Gottardi 83). **Att:** 6,500.

LAUSANNE 1 (La Placa 82)
GRASSHOPPER 3 (Rzasa 7, 31, 90).
Att: 1,200.

LUGANO 0
AARAU 0. **Att:** 2,500.

LUCERNE 3 (Rueda 10, Wolf 18, Sawu 71)
SION 2 (Kunz 8, 70). **Att:** 5,000.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 11

WEEKEND

AARAU 4 (Pavlicevic 49, 60, Kucharsky 73, 81)
LAUSANNE 1 (Sogbie 69). **Att:** 3,400.

GRASSHOPPER 0
LUGANO 4 (Esposito 4, F. Sinval 13, Fernandez 23 pen, 84). **Att:** 4,250.

NEUCHATEL XAMAX 3 (Detari 23, 67, Gottardi 59)
LUCERNE 3 (Sawu 19, 27, Wolf 40).
Att: 9,500.

SION 1 (Milton 25)
FC BASEL 1 (Rey 62). **Att:** 6,800.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 18

WEEKEND

FC BASEL 0
AARAU 1 (Rathino 41). **Att:** 6,500.

LAUSANNE 2 (Romano 51Biaggi 85)
NEUCHATEL XAMAX 3
(Aleksandrov 23, 70
Wierderkehr 81). **Att:** 2,200.

LUGANO 3 (Carrasco 8, Sinval 19, 54)
SION 2 (Kunz 63, Plaschzy 83).
Att: 3,200.

LUCERNE 0
GRASSHOPPER 0. Att: 7,500.

SWITZERLAND – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grasshopper	14	9	3	2	25	13	37
Lugano	14	6	5	3	25	17	30
Xamax Neuchatel	14	6	4	4	27	20	28
FC Aarau	14	5	4	5	17	16	27
Lucerne	14	5	5	4	14	18	25
Basel	14	7	0	7	20	19	24
FC Sion	14	5	2	7	24	25	24
Lausanne	14	1	1	12	11	35	15

EURO TABLES

WALES – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bangor City	38	27	7	4	96	26	88
Afan Lido	38	24	7	7	60	36	79
Ton Pentre	38	23	8	7	84	50	77
Newton	38	20	8	10	78	47	68
Cwmbran T	38	20	7	11	69	49	67
Flint Town	38	20	3	15	77	60	63
Barry Town	38	16	11	11	71	57	59
Holywell	38	16	10	12	62	55	58
Llansantffraid	38	15	10	13	57	57	55
Inter Cardiff	38	14	11	13	58	43	53
Rhyl	38	16	5	17	74	69	53
Conwy Utd	38	14	7	17	60	65	49
Ebbw Vale	38	12	9	17	51	57	45
Caersws	38	11	11	16	57	64	44
Connah's	38	12	7	19	57	79	43
Porthmadog	38	11	7	20	57	73	40
Aberystwyth	38	9	12	17	57	75	39
Llanelli	38	10	6	22	64	104	36
Mold Alex	38	10	4	24	57	90	34
Maesteg Park	38	2	6	30	23	113	12

SWEDEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Djurgardens	9	4	3	2	11	8	15
Malmo	9	3	5	1	12	8	14
AIK Stockholm	9	4	2	3	13	12	14
Helsingborgs	9	4	2	3	11	11	14
Halmstads	9	4	2	3	12	13	14
Orebro	9	3	4	2	14	12	13
IFK Norrkoping	9	4	1	4	11	10	13
Trelleborgs	8	3	2	3	13	9	11
Orgryte	9	3	2	4	8	12	11
Vastra Frolunda	9	2	4	3	12	12	10
Osters	9	2	4	3	14	15	10
Hammarby	9	3	1	5	11	13	10
IFK Gothenburg	8	1	5	2	8	8	8
Degerfors	9	1	5	3	11	18	8

ESTONIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Flora Tallinn	10	7	3	0	27	6	41
Lantana Marlekor	10	7	2	1	26	9	40
Trans Narva	10	4	1	5	9	15	26
Tallinn Sadam	10	4	0	6	11	14	25
EP Johvi	10	4	0	6	17	24	21
Norma Tallinn	10	1	0	9	6	28	8

HUNGARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fenercvaros	30	17	8	5	62	41	59
Ujpest	30	15	7	8	57	34	52
Debrecen	30	14	7	9	45	37	49
Kispest Honved	30	14	6	10	60	42	48
Bekescsaba	30	11	15	4	48	33	48
BVSC Dreher	30	14	4	12	51	46	46
Zalaegerszeg	30	12	6	12	49	55	42
PMSC Fordan	30	12	6	12	37	43	42
FC Stadler	30	9	10	11	31	35	37
Vasas Budapest	30	10	7	13	38	45	37
Gyori FC	30	11	5	14	42	40	35
Csepel Kordax	30	8	11	11	23	26	35
Vac Samsung	30	8	11	11	39	45	35
Parmalat	30	9	7	14	44	50	34
Nagykanizsa	30	7	6	17	24	57	27
Sopron	30	6	10	14	36	56	25

LITHUANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zhalgiris Vilnius	22	17	2	3	61	14	36
Inkara Kaunas	22	16	4	2	50	12	36
ROMAR	22	15	4	3	49	12	34
Panerys Vilnius	22	11	6	5	35	25	28
Aras Klaipeda	22	13	1	8	41	28	27
FBK Kaunas	22	8	8	6	23	20	24
Siauliai Sakalas	22	9	4	9	37	23	22
Ekr. Panevezys	22	7	8	7	21	18	22
Banga Gargzdai	22	3	6	13	19	56	12
Musa Ukmerge	22	3	5	14	12	58	11
Sirijus Klaipeda	22	2	3	17	12	9	7
Int-AE Visaginas	22	1	3	18	8	63	5

POLAND – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Legia Warsaw	34	23	5	6	58	20	51
Widzew Lodz	34	17	11	6	48	25	45
GKS Katowice	34	16	10	8	45	27	42
Zaglebie Lubin	34	16	10	8	48	41	42
Gornik Zabrze	34	12	13	9	48	40	37
Lech Poznan	34	13	8	13	47	40	34
LKS Lodz	34	10	14	10	39	41	34
Pogon Szcezin	34	10	13	11	33	34	33
Hutnik Krakow	34	9	14	11	37	39	32
Sokol Pniewy	34	9	14	11	33	43	32
Stal Mielca	34	8	15	11	44	50	31
Olimpia Poznan	34	9	13	12	46	41	31
R Czestochowa	34	9	13	12	31	43	31
Stomil Olsztyn	34	7	16	11	35	40	30
Petrochemia	34	8	14	12	35	43	30
Stal Stalowa W	34	10	9	15	34	47	29
Ruch Chorzow	34	7	15	12	30	46	29
Warta Poznan	34	7	5	22	35	75	19

ROMANIA – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Steaua	34	23	8	3	72	25	77
Univ. Craiova	34	21	5	8	83	40	68
Dinamo	34	20	5	9	61	35	65
Rapid	34	16	6	12	55	42	54
Ceahlaul	34	16	5	13	56	54	53
Gloria Bistrita	34	16	4	14	66	57	52
FC National	34	16	4	14	66	60	52
Arges Pitesti	34	16	4	14	45	54	52
Inter Sibiu	34	16	3	15	53	52	51
Petrolul Ploiesti	34	14	7	13	44	41	49
FC Farul	34	13	6	15	42	49	45
Univ. Cluj	34	13	4	17	39	42	43
FC Otelul Galati	34	11	9	14	47	51	42
FC Brasov	34	10	9	15	40	54	39
Electro. Craiova	34	11	5	18	42	53	38
Sportul	34	8	10	16	26	44	34
FC Baia Mare	34	6	9	19	34	69	27
UT Arad	34	4	9	21	28	77	21

SLOVAKIA – TITLE PLAY-OFFS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slovan Bratislava	32	21	9	2	63	25	72
FC Kosice	32	15	7	10	54	42	52
Inter	32	14	8	10	46	43	50
D. Streda	32	13	7	12	42	41	46
Dukla B B	32	12	8	12	53	44	44
Trnava	32	12	8	12	43	35	44

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Jun 4 = Toronto – friendly
CANADA 1 (Thomson 47)
TURKEY 3 (Alpay 9, Ogun 12, Ertugrul 54)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 8,400. **Ref:** Van der Ende (Hol)
Canada: Dolan – Fraser (Rizi 60), Samuel*, Wartson (McLean 60) – Yallop, Augner (Thomson 46), Hooper, Miller, Dasovic – Thomas, Corazzin.
* = *Samuel sent off, 71min.*
Turkey: Rustu – Osman (Bulent Uygun 56), Bulent Korkmaz, Alpay – Vural (Omer 46), Oguz, Tolunay (Tugay 46), Ogun (Saffet Sancaki 85), Abdullah – Ertugrul.

Jun 4 = Seoul – Korea Cup
ECUADOR 4 (E Hurtado 19, 66, 78, 81)
ZAMBIA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Lee Sang-kwon (SK)
Ecuador: Cevallos – I Hurtado (Guzman), Tenorio, Capurro, De la Cruz – Carcelen, Verduga (Mora), Garay, D Herrera – Zambrano (E Diaz), E Hurtado).
Zambia: J Phiri – Makasa, Litana, Chyangi, Chongo – V Mutale, Namzaba, D Lota, D Mwamba (L Mulenga) – S Kalunga, Johnson Bwalya (C Chaiwa).

MONDAY, JUNE 5

Jun 5 = Abidjan – Af Chp gp 7
IVORY COAST 2 (Joel Tiehi 19, Sekou Bamba 65)
MOROCCO 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 45,000.

Jun 5 = Seoul – Korea Cup
SOUTH KOREA 1 (Kim Do-hoon 78)
COSTA RICA 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Masayoshi (Jap)
South Korea: Kim Byung-ge – Roh Sang-rae, Kim Pan-keun, Choi Young-il, Ha Seok– ju – Hong Myung-bo, Lee Young-jin (Lee Lim-saeng), Kang Chul, Yoo Sang-chul (Sin Tae-yong) – Kim Hyn-seok (Ko Jeong-woon), Kim Do-hoon.
Costa Rica: Barrantes – P Perez, Villalobos, Ulate (Navarreto), Contreras – Madrigal, Segura, Solis, Murillo – Llama (Paniagua), J Soto (Quiros).

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

Jun 9 = Asuncion – Copa Paz del Chaco, 2nd leg
PARAGUAY 0
BOLIVIA 0
Att: 8,500. **Ref:** Nieves (Uru)
Paraguay won 4-3 on pens
Paraguay: Battaglia (Acevali 46) – Ortiz, Peralta (Sarabia 46), Gamarra, Suarez – V Ferreira (Acuna 46), Struway, Esteche – Delvallo, Baez, Cardozo (Denis 46).
Bolivia: Soria – O Sanchez, Rimba, Arteaga, Sandy – Cristaldo, Borja, Melgar, Ramos – Mercado (Berti Suarez 63), Moreno (I Castillo 63).

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Jun 10 = Nottingham, City Ground – Umbro Cup
SWEDEN 2 (Andersson 53, 68)
JAPAN 2 (Fujita 9, Kurosaki 86)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 5,591. **Ref:** Amendolia (Ita)
Sweden: Ravelli – Sundgrun, Bjorklund, Wibran, K Andersson, Kamark, Lucic, Alexandersson, Larsson, O Andersson, Gudmundsson (M Nilsson 73).
Japan: Shimokawa – Hashiratani, Ihara, Omura, Narahashi (Yanagimoto 86), Yamaguchi, Soma, Fujita (Moriyasu 72), Kitazawa (Fukuda 81), Kurosaki, Miura.

Jun 10 = Seoul – Korea Cup semi-final
SOUTH KOREA 3 (Roh Sang-rae 41, Kim Do-hoon 61)
ZAMBIA 2 (L Mulenga 10, Lota 51, V Mutale 79)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Masayoshi (Jap)
South Korea: Kim Byung-ge – Kim Pan-keun, Choi Young-il, Ha Seok-ju, Hong Myung-bo – Lee Young-jin, Kang Chul, Yoo Sang-chul (Sin Tae-yong), Kim Hyun-seok (Roh Sang-rae) – Hwang Sun-hong, Ko Jeong-woon (Kim Do-hoon).
Zambia: J Phiri – Makasa, Litana, Chiyangi, Chongo – V Mutale, A Lungu, L Mulenga (Namazaba), Lota – J Bwalya, Tana.

June 10 = Seoul – Korea Cup, semi-final
ECUADOR 2 (E Hurtado 37, E Diaz 57)
COSTA RICA 1 (Madrigal 76)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Cha Duk-hwan (SK)
Ecuador: Cevallos – I Hurtado, Tenorio (Verduga), Capurro, Guzman – Guerreto (Noriega), Carcelen, Garay, D Herrera (Mora) – E Hurtado, E Diaz.
Costa Rica: Barrantes – P Perez, Contreras, Madrigal, Navarrete – Segura (Paniagua), Morales, Solis, Hidalgo – Murillo (Llama), Quiros (Soto).

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Jun 11 = Wembley – Umbro Cup (final match)
ENGLAND 1 (Le Saux 38)
BRAZIL 3 (Juninho 54, Ronaldo 61, Edmundo 76)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 67,318. **Ref:** Pairetto (Ita).
England: Flowers – Neville, Scales (Barton 90), Cooper, Pearce, Anderton, Batty (Gascoigne 79), Piatt, Le Saux, Shearer, Sheringham (Collymore 79).
Brazil: Zetti – Jorginho, Aldair (Ronaldao 90), Marcio Santos, Sampaio, Roberto Carlos, Edmundo, Dunga, Ronaldo (Geovanni 76), Juninho (Leonardo 84), Zinho.

UMBRO CUP – FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	3	3	0	0	7	1	9
England	3	1	1	1	6	7	4
Sweden	3	0	2	1	5	6	2
Japan	3	0	1	2	3	7	1

Jun 11 = Reykjavik – Euro Chp gp 3
ICELAND 2 (Bergsson 63, Sigurdur Jonsson 66)
HUNGARY 1 (Vincze 19)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,573. **Ref:** Sars (Fra)
Iceland: B Kristinsson – Adolfsson, K Jonsson, Sigurdur Jonsson, Gretarsson, R Kristinsson, Bergsson, O Thordason (B Gunnlaugsson 68), A Gunnlaugsson, Gudjohnsen, Sverrison.
Hungary: Petry – Mracsko, Csabi, Meszoly, Kozma, Lipcsei, Csertoi, Haimai, Salloi, Ilies (Marton 68), Vincze (Hamar 70).

Jun 11 = Foxboro – US Cup '95
UNITED STATES 3 (Harkes 10, Balboa 45, Jones 67)
NIGERIA 2 (Okocha 8, Wasui 19)
HT: 2-2. **Att:** 22,578. **Ref:** Jerome (Can)
US: Friedel – Bliss (Lalas 46), Burns, Dooley, Sorber, Balboa, Caligiuri, Klopas, Harkes, Wegerle (Jones 46), Stewart (Kirovaski 71).
Nigeria: Rufai – Iroha, Abdullahi, Nwanu, Okpara, Okocha, Zaki (Ndukwe 55), Babalade (Okafor 66), Fuludu (Enegwea 55), Siasia, Wasui.

Jun 11 = Dublin – Euro Chp gp 6
REP IRELAND 1 (Houghton 65)
AUSTRIA 3 (Polster 69, 78, Ogris 72)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 33,000. **Ref:** Merk (Ger).
Rep Ireland: A Kelly – G Kelly, Irwin, Babb, McGrath, Whelan, Coyne, Houghton, Quinn (Cascarino 55), Sheridan, Staunton (Kenna 45).
Austria: Konsel – Pfeffer, Schottel, Kogler, Furstaller, Marasek, Pfeifenberger (Hutter 80), Prosenik, Polster, Kuhbauer, Ramusch (Ogris 70).

Jun 11 = Helsinki – Euro Chp gp 8
FINLAND 2 (Litmanen 45pen, Hjelm 54)
GREECE 1 (Nicolaidis 6)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 10,500. **Ref:** Krug (Ger)
Finland: Laukkanen – Makela, Tuomela, Holmgren, Helin, Lindberg, Sumiala (Jarvinen 62), Myyry, Hjelm, Litmanen, Paatelainen (Tiainen 86).
Greece: Michopoulos – Apostolakis, Kasapis, Ntampizas, Alexiou, Tsalouchidis, Zagorakis, Nicolaidis, Marcos (Lima 57), Tsartas (Machlas 70), Donis.

Jun 11 = Tallinn – Euro Chp gp 4
ESTONIA 1 (Reim 26)
SLOVENIA 3 (Novak 38, 69, Zahovic 79)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Durkin (Eng)
Estonia: Poom – Lepa (Klavan 46), Kirs, T Kallaste, Olumets – Alonen, Pari, Linnumae, Kristal – Reim, Arbeiter (Rajala 59).
Slovenia: Boskovic – Galic, Englaš, Milanic, Novak – Jermanis (Cviki 64), Kokol (Krizan 46), Ceh, Zahovic – Florjancic, Gliha.

Jun 11 = Kiev – Euro Chp gp 4
UKRAINE 1 (Kalitvintsev 13)
CROATIA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Rothlisberger (Swi)
Ukraine: Suslov – Rzhavchenko, Skripnik, Golovko, Maksimov, Orbu, Pokhlebayev, Kalitvintsev, Palyanitsa (Nagornyak 62), Gorily, Guseinov (Shkapenko 46).
Croatia: Gabric* – Pavlicic (Mrmic 30), Jarni, Soldo, Jerkan, Bilic, Asanovic Pralija 47), Mladenov, Suker, Boksic, Boban (Darko Butorovic 38th)
* = *Gabric sent off, 28min.*

MONDAY, JUNE 12

Jun 12 = Seoul – Korea Cup Final
ECUADOR 1 (E Diaz 46)
ZAMBIA 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Kim Kwang-taik (SK)
Ecuador: Cevallos – I Hurtado, Tenorio, Capurro, Guzman – Cercelen, Garay, Mora, D Herrera – E Hurtado, E Diaz.
Zambia: J Phiri – Mwewa, Litana, Chiyangi, Chongo – V Mutale, Namazaba, Lota, S Kalunga – J Bwalya (L Mulenga).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Jun 14 = Rosario – friendly
ARGENTINA 2 (Berti 29, Acosta 75)
PARAGUAY 1 (Baez 24)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Carlos Robles (Chile).
Argentina: Burgos – Zanetti, Fabbri (Caceres 35), Schurrer, Altamirano, Escudero (Bassedas 78), Gomez (Astrada 62), Berti, Gallardo, Balbo, Acosta.
Paraguay: Battaglia – Suarez, Gamarra, Ayala, Jara, Acuna, Esteche, Campos, Alvarenga (Enciso 60), Cardozo, Baez.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Jun 17 = Piscataway, NJ – US Cup '95
COLOMBIA 1 (Gomez 79)
NIGERIA 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,216. **Ref:** Barhamas (US)
Colombia: Calero – Osorio, Fernandez, Bermudez, Santa – Lozano (Quinonez 55), Mosquera, Gaviria, Rincon (C Valderrama 46) – Leon, M Asprilla (Jor Gomez 72).
Nigeria: Rufai (Sorounmu 46) – Abdullahi, Nwanu, Okpara, Iroha (Oca 72), Okafor – Fuludu, Enegwea, Akpoborie (Wasiu 76) – Ndukwe (Za 90), Siasia.

Jun 17 = Iquique, Chile – Copa Centenario
PARAGUAY 0
TURKEY 0
Att: 12,000.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Jun 18 = Sydney – friendly
AUSTRALIA 2 (Tony Vidmar 5, Arnold 38)
GHANA 1 (Kumah Abladi 84)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 18,446. **Ref:** Simon Mica (Aus).
Australia: Kalac – T Vidmar (Polak 4 Popovic, Ivanovic, Tobin, Van Blerk, Wade, Okon, Corica, Arnold, Farina (Markovski 78).
Ghana: Kluvi (Addo 63) – Baidoo, Dacosta, Dodoo, Addo, Gargo, Haga Yahya, Kuma, Whitle, Johnson.

Jun 18 = Washington – US Cup '95
UNITED STATES 4 (Wegerle 4, Dooley 25, Harkes 36, Reyna 68)
MEXICO 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 38,615. **Ref:** Victor Rodrigues Ugalde (CR).
US: Keller – Balboa, Caligiuri, Lalas, Burns – Dooley, Sorber, Harkes – Wynalda (Kerr 71), Wegerle (C Jones Reyna (Ramos 69).
Mexico: Campos – R Ramirez, Vidric Rodriguez (Espinoza 69) Hernandez (Esquivel 46) – Ambriz, Garcia Aspe (Coyote 86), Bernal – Luis Garcia, Hermosillo, Zague Alves (Del Olmo 73

Jun 18 = Antofagasta – Copa Centenario
CHILE 3 (Ramirez 22, Fuentes 36, R 68)
NEW ZEALAND 1 (Rennie 35)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Aquino (Par
Chile: Manuel Ramirez – Fuentes, Vilches, Miguel Ramirez – Mendoza, Mardones, Guevara, Valencia (Caldar 83), Estay – Ruiz (Basay 85), Salasq (Rozental 63).
New Zealand: Batty – Zoricich, Ren Gray, Evans, – Elli, Jacobs (Marshall 5 Jackson, Harlock (McGarry 46) – Elric (Coveny 73), McClennan.

Jun 18 = Valera – friendly
VENEZUELA 1 (Garcia 38)
BOLIVIA 3 (Cristaldo 26, Angola 75 Baldivieso 82)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 14,000.
Venezuela: Dudamel – Hezzel, Tortolero, Balbuena, Martinbez – Hernandez (H Rivas 80), Rodriguez, D Miranda (Gonzalez 70) – Guerra, J Garcia.
Bolivia: Soria – Arteaga, Cristaldo, Sandy, Rimba – Melgar, Baldivieso (E 81), O Sanchez, Ramos (Castillo 46) – Suarez (Angola 60), Moreno (Medeiro 46).

MONDAY, JUNE 19

Jun 19 = Lausanne – Centenary Tm
SWITZERLAND 0
ITALY 1 (Casiraghi 55)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 13,000. **Ref:** Merk (Ger
Switzerland: Pascolo – Hottiger, Ve Geiger*, Quentin, Ohrel, Henchoz, Sforza, Fournier (Colombo 61), Grass (Knup 60), Kubilay Turkyilmaz (Zuffi 6
* = *Geiger sent off, 60min.*
Italy: Pagliuca (Bucci 46) – Benarriv Carboni, Di Matteo, Apolloni (Ferrara Minotti, Lombardo (Eranio 33), Albert (D Baggio 46), Casiraghi, Statuto (De Piero 67), Giuseppe Signori.

Jun 19 = Santiago – Copa Centena
CHILE 0
PARAGUAY 1
Att: 13,500.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

Jun 20 = Coquimbo, Chile - friendly
TURKEY 2
NEW ZEALAND 1
Att: 2,500.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Jun 21 = Adelaide - friendly (2nd match of 3)
AUSTRALIA 1 (Kalac 20)
GHANA 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 7,000. Ref: Connolly (Aus)
Australia: Kalac – Moore, Ivanovic, Tobin, Polak (Popovic 65), Lazaridis – Zelic, Wade (Marth 62), Corica, A Vidmar – Vogel, Viduka.
Ghana: S Addo – Bladdo, Da Costa, Dodoo, D Addo – Gargo, Hagan, Yahaya, Ofori – Ahenkorah, Kumah.

Jun 21 = Zurich - Swiss Centenary Tmt
ITALY 0
GERMANY 2 (Heimer 4, Maldini og 38)
HT: [illegible]. Att: [illegible]. Ref: Detruche (Swi)
Italy: [illegible] – Benarrivo (Petruzzi 46), [illegible] (Carbone 46), Maldini, [illegible] (Albertini 57), Albertini, Di Matteo, [illegible] (Zola 46), Zola (Signori 64),
Germany: Kodde – Sammer, Babbel, [illegible] Reuter, Hassler, Freund, Ziege, [illegible] Kuntzer, Kuntz (Bobic 81).

Jun 21 = Washington – US Cup '95
MEXICO 0
COLOMBIA 0
Att: 36,432. Ref: Dominguez (US)
Mexico: Campos – Suarez, Vidrio, Rodriguez, Ramon Ramirez (Del Olmo 71) – Ambriz, Bernal, Garcia Aspe (Martinez 84), Galindo (Coyote 71) – Hermosillo (Zague 46), Luis Garcia.
Colombia: Higuita – Mendoza, Cabrera, Osorio, Cassiani – Gavriria, Alvarez, Valderrama (Lozano 69) – Rincon (Quinones 68), Arboleda, Asprilla (Leon 55).

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Jun 22 = Mendoza – friendly
ARGENTINA 6 (Gallardo 56, 70pen, Batistuta 59, 90, Zanetti 62, Simeone 80)
SLOVAKIA 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 19,000. Ref: Sanchez (Arg)
Argentina: Cristante – J Zanetti, R Ayala, Caceres, Chamot – Astrada, Simeone, Bassedas (Berti 46; Ortega 71), Escina (Gallardo 46) – Balbo, Batistuta.
Slovakia: Fisan – Karhan, Hrabat, Balis, Oliad (Trutz 77) – Kostka, Toth, Pancik, Elugar (Filak 67) – Jancula*, Ujlaky.
Slovakia.
* = Jancula sent off, 70min.

Jun 22 = Santiago – Copa Centenario
CHILE 0
TURKEY 0
Att: 22,000.

Jun 22 = Santiago – Copa Centenario
PARAGUAY 3
NEW ZEALAND 2

Copa Centenario – *Final table*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Paraguay	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
Turkey	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
Chile	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
New Zealand	3	0	0	3	4	8	0

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Jun 23 = Bern – Swiss Centenary Tmt (final game)
SWITZERLAND 1 (Knup 75)
GERMANY 2 (Hassler 64, Moller 83)
HT: 0-0. Att: 17,000. Ref: Grabher (Aut)
Switzerland: Zuberbuehler – Hottiger, Thuler, Herr, Henchoz (Vega 46), Colombo, A Sutter, Vogel (Ohrel 76), Knup, Sforza, Kubilay Turkyilmaz.
Germany: Kahn – Reuter, Ziege, Freund, Heimer, Sammer, Moller, Scholl (R Weber 46), Todt, Hassler, Kuntz.

Centenary Tournament – *Final table*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Italy	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Switzerland	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Jun 24 = Dallas – US Cup '95
MEXICO 2 (Garcia Aspe 57, Ambriz 77)
NIGERIA 1 (Akpobore 46)
HT: 0-0. Att: 27,166. Ref: Angeles (US)
Mexico: Campos – Suarez, Juan Ramirez Perales, Rodriguez – Ramon Ramirez (Espinoza 46), Ambriz, Bernal, Garcia Aspe (Coyote 69) – Hermosillo (Luis Garcia 46), Del Olmo, Zague.
Nigeria: Soronmo – Ben Iroha (Okparaku 67), Nwanu, Okafor, Babalade (Abdullahi 44) – Okpara, Akpobore, Fuludu – Ndukwe (Imenger 46; Taiwo Wasiu 87), Enegwea, Siasia.

Jun 24 = Perth – friendly
AUSTRALIA 0
GHANA 1 (Mallam Yahaya 33)
HT: 0-1. Att: 15,000. Ref: Lennie (Aus)
Australia: Kalac – Horvat, Tobin, Popovic, Polak, Lazaridis – Zelic, Wade, Markovski (Spiteri 70) – Arnold, Veart.
Ghana: S Addo – Johnson, Da Costa, Dodoo, D Addo – Gargo, Aboagye, Yahaya, Hagan – A Ahinful, Kumah.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Jun 25 = Piscataway, New Jersey – US Cup '95
UNITED STATES 0
COLOMBIA 0
Att: 36,126. Ref: Rodriguez (ES)
US: Friedel – Balboa, Lalas, Burns, Caligiuri (Bliss 86), Dooley (Henderson 66), Sorber, Harkes, Wynalda, Reyna (Kirovski 64), Klopas (Jones 51).
Colombia: Higuita – Santa, Fernandez (Mendoza 46), Bermudez, Cabrera, Alvarez, Mosquera (Gaviria 46), C Valderrama, Rincon, Arboleda (Quinonez 73), Gomez (Leon 58).

US Cup '95 – *Final table*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
United States	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Colombia	3	1	2	0	1	0	5
Mexico	3	1	1	1	2	5	4
Nigeria	3	0	0	3	3	6	0

Jun 25 = Lima – friendly
PERU 1 (Solano 57)
SLOVAKIA 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 7,740.

Jun 25 =Beira – friendly
MOZAMBIQUE 3 (Faife 1, Nana 5pen, Tico Tico 35)
ZIMBABWE 1 (Mujanja 73)
HT: 3-0. Att: 10,000. Ref: Luis (Moz)
Mozambique: Rui Evora (Manuel) – Faife (Joao Chissano), Luis, Malo, Ze Augusto – Pinto Barros (Ze Bernardo), Artur (Riquito), Nana, Arnaldo – Tico Tico (Nuro).
Zimbabwe: Mparutsa – Muradzikwa, Sanduka, Jowa, Chitembwe – Nagoli (Gumbo), Riyano, M Sibanda, G Lunga (Mujanja) – Gorowa, Nyachironga (Twaliki).

Jun 25 = Paysandu – friendly
URUGUAY 7 (Fonseca 12, 30, Sosa 38, 80, Abeijon 60, Canobbio 83, Martinez 89)
NEW ZEALAND 0
HT: 3-0. Att: 22,000. Ref: Bello (Uru)
Uruguay: Arbiza – Herrera, Lopez, Moas, T Silva – Otero (D Silva 54), Da Silva (Saralegui 46), Gutierrez (Anbeijon 46), Poyet – Fonseca (Canobbio 46), Sosa (Martinez 63).
New Zealand: Bally – Zoricich, Gray, Rennie, Evans (Vicelich 67) – Jacobs, Jackson, Marshall (Coveny 25), Elrich 62), Elliot (Harlock 46) – McClennan, McGarry.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

Jun 28 = Rivera – friendly
URUGUAY 2 (Francescoli 9, Martinez 51)
NEW ZEALAND 2 (McClennan 24, Jackson 76)
HT: 1-1. Att: 28,000. Ref: J Matto (Uru)
Uruguay: Alvez – Herrera, Aguirregaray, Moas, Adinolfi (T Silva 46) – Gutierrez, Poyet (Sosa 46), Bengoechea (Saralegui 55), Francescoli (Abeijon 55) – Fonseca (D Silva 76), Canobbio (Martinez 46).
New Zealand: Batty – Zoricich, Gray, Rennie, Evans – Elliot, Jackson, Jacobs, Elrich (Coveny 30) – McClennan, McGarry.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

Jun 29 = Recife – friendly
BRAZIL 2 (Tulio 2, 55)
POLAND 1 (Juskowiak 74)
HT: 1-0. Att: 35,000.
Brazil: Danrlei – Jorginho, Aldair, Ronaldao, Roberto Carlos – Cesar Sampaio, Dunga, Souza (Leonardo 72), Zinho – Edmundo (Savio 72), Tulio.
Poland: Szczesny – Waldoch, Jaskulski, Zielinski, Lapinski, Bukalski (M Swierczewski 79), Nowak, Kowalczyk (Czereszewski 74), P Swierczewski, Juskowiak, Wieszczycki (Dembinski 63).

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Jun 30 = Buenos Aires – friendly
ARGENTINA 2 (Balbo 7, Batistuta 89)
AUSTRALIA 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 18,000. Ref: Ubaldo Aquino (Par)
Argentina: Cristante – Zanetti, Ayala, Caceres, Chamot, Simeone, Astrada, Berti, Gallardo (Ortega 77), Balbo, Batistuta.
Australia: Kalac – Polak (Muscat 56), Horvath, Ivanovic, Tobin, Wade (Marth 62), Zelic, Lazaridis, Van Blerk, Corica, Markowski (Spitari 69).

SATURDAY, JULY 1

Jul 1 = Lima – friendly
PERU 4 (Ramirez 26, 66pen, Pinillos 43, Solano 84)
BOLIVIA 1 (Sandy 17)
HT: 1-1. Att: 6,362. Ref: Arana (Peru)
Peru: Miranda – Jorgo Soto (Solano), Dulanto, Jose Soto, Ubillus – Del Solar, Carranza, Pinillos (Rodriguez), Palacios – Ramirez (Rivera), Baroni (Carty).
Bolivia: Trucco – Ruiz, Sandy, Rimba, Cristaldo – Baldivieso, Melgar, Echeverry, Juan Pena – Angola, Alvaro Pena.

OTHER MATCHES

Jun 8: China 3 Sampdoria 1.
Jun 14: Uruguay 1 Banfield 1.
Jun 29: Colombia 1 Boca Juniors 1.
Jun 30: Venezuela 3 Deportivo Cali 2.

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Group B: Japan 12pts, Thailand 6, Taiwan 0 *(Japan qualify for 2nd rnd)*.

FIFA U-17 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

(In Ecuador - all times in GMT)

FIRST ROUND

Group A

03.08.95 Ghana v Japan *(Quito, 23.00)*
03.08.95 Ecuador v United States *(Quito, 01.15 Sat)*
05.08.95 United States v Japan *(Quito, 21.00)*
05.08.95 Ecuador v Ghana *(Quito, 23.15)*
08.08.95 United States v Ghana *(Quito, 23.00)*
08.08.95 Ecuador v Japan *(Quito, 01.15 Wed)*

Group B

04.08.95 Argentina v Portugal *(Cuenca, 23.00)*
04.08.95 Costa Rica v Guinea *(Cuenca, 01.15 Sat)*
06.08.95 Argentina v Costa Rica *(Cuenca, 11.00)*
06.08.95 Portugal v Guinea *(Cuenca, 18.15)*
09.08.95 Portugal v Costa Rica *(Cuenca, 23.00)*
09.08.95 Argentina v Guinea *(Cuenca, 01.15 Thu)*

Group C

04.08.95 Nigaria v Qatar *(Riobamba, 17.00)*
04.08.95 Australia v Spain *(Riobamba, 19.15)*
06.08.95 Nigeria v Australia *(Riobamba, 17.00)*
06.08.95 Qatar v Spain *(Riobamba, 19.15)*
09.08.95 Qatar v Australia *(Riobamba, 17.00)*
09.08.95 Nigeria v Spain *(Riobamba, 19.15)*

Group D

04.08.95 Brazil v Germany *(Ibarra, 18.00)*
04.08.95 Oman v Canada *(Ibarra, 20.15)*
06.08.95 Brazil v Oman *(Ibarra, 19.00)*
06.08.95 Germany v Canada *(Ibarra, 21.15)*
09.08.95 Germany v Oman *(Ibarra, 18.00)*
09.08.95 Brazil v Canada *(Ibarra, 20.15)*

QUARTER-FINALS

12.08.95 1st Gp A v 2nd Gp B *(Quito, 22.00)*
12.08.95 1st Gp C v 2nd Gp D *(Porto Viejo, 01.00)*
13.08.95 1st Gp B v 2nd Gp A *(Guayaquil, 19.00)*
13.08.95 1st Gp D v 2nd Gp C *(Porto Viejo, 22.00)*

SEMI-FINALS

17.08.95 winner qf 1 v winner qf 2 *(Porto Viejo, 22,00)*
17.08.95 winner qf 3 v winner qf 4 *(Guayaquil, 01.00)*

3RD PLACE PLAY-OFF

20.08.95 semi-final losers *(Guayaquil, 19.30)*

FINAL

20.08.95 semi-final winners *(Guayaquil, 22.00)*

COPA AMERICA

(In Uruguay – all times GMT)

FIRST ROUND

Group A

05.07.95 Uruguay v Venezuela *(Montevideo, 23.35)*
06.07.95 Mexico v Paraguay *(Maldonado, 23.35)*
09.07.95 Uruguay v Paraguay *(Montevideo, 18.05)*
09.07.95 Mexico v Venezuela *(Montevideo, 20.05)*
12.07.95 Paraguay v Venezuela *(Maldonado, 21.05)*
12.07.95 Uruguay v Mexico *(Montevideo, 23.05)*

Group B

07.07.95 Colombia v Peru *(Rivera, 22.35)*
07.07.95 Brazil v Ecuador *(Rivera, 00.35 Sat)*
10.07.95 Colombia v Ecuador *(Rivera, 22.35)*
10.07.95 Brazil v Peru *(Rivera, 00.35 Tue)*
13.07.95 Peru v Ecuador *(Rivera, 22.35)*
13.07.95 Brazil v Colombia *(Rivera, 00.35 Fri)*

Group C

08.07.95 US v Chile *(Paysandu, 18.05)*
08.07.95 Argentina v Bolivia *(Paysandu, 20.05 Sun)*
11.07.95 US v Bolivia *(Paysandu, 22.05)*
11.07.95 Argentina v Chile *(Paysandu, 00.05 Wed)*
14.07.95 Chile v Bolivia *(Paysandu, 22.05)*
14.07.95 Argentina v US *(Paysandu, 00.05 Sat)*

QUARTER-FINALS

16.07.95 2nd Gp A v 2nd Gp B *(Montevideo, 18.05)*
16.07.95 1st Gp A v 2nd-best 3rd *(Montevideo, 20.05)*
17.07.95 1st Gp C v best 3rd *(Montevideo, 22.05)*
17.07.95 1st Gp B v 2nd Gp C *(Montevideo, 00.35 Tue)*

SEMI-FINALS

19.07.95 winner qf 1 v winner qf 2 *(Montevideo, 00.35 Thu)*
20.07.95 winner qf 3 v winner qf 4 *(Montevideo, 00.35 Fri)*

3RD PLACE PLAY-OFF

22.07.95 semi-final losers *(Montevideo, 18.05)*

FINAL

23.07.95 semi-final winners *(Montevideo, 18.05)*

LIBERTADORES CUP 1995

1st round

Group 1
(Argentina & Uruguay)

19.02.95 Independiente v River Plate 1-1
19.02.95 Penarol v Cerro 3-3
22.02.95 Independiente v Penarol 2-1
23.02.95 River Plate v Cerro 1-0
08.03.95 Penarol v River Plate 1-1
09.03.95 Cerro v Independiente 1-0
15.03.95 Cerro v Penarol 0-2
29.03.95 River Plate v Independiente 2-0
13.04.95 Cerro v River Plate 0-5
14.04.95 Penarol v Independiente 1-0
19.04.95 River Plate v Penarol 1-1
20.04.95 Independiente v Cerro 2-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
River Plate	6	3	3	0	11	3	12
Penarol	6	2	3	1	9	7	9
Independiente	6	2	1	3	5	7	7
Cerro	6	1	1	4	5	13	4

Group 2
(Paraguay & Venezuela)

15.02.95 Olimpia v Cerro Porteno 1-1
15.02.95 Trujillanos v Caracas 1-3
21.02.95 Olimpia v Caracas 5-0
24.02.95 Cerro Porteno v Caracas 2-1
28.02.95 Trujillanos v Olimpia 2-2
03.03.95 Caracas v Olimpia 1-2
22.03.95 Cerro Porteno v Olimpia 2-2
22.03.95 Caracas v Trujillanos 3-2
28.03.95 Trujillanos v Cerro Porteno 1-2
31.03.95 Caracas v Cerro Porteno 0-6
04.04.95 Olimpia v Trujillanos 4-1
07.04.95 Cerro Porteno v Trujillanos 3-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cerro Porteno	6	4	2	0	16	6	14
Olimpia	6	3	3	0	16	7	12
Caracas	6	2	0	4	8	18	6
Trujillanos	6	0	1	5	8	17	1

Group 3
(Chile & Colombia)

10.02.95 Univ. de Chile v Univ. Catolica ..4-1
15.02.95 At. Nacional v Millonarios 0-0
21.02.95 Millonarios v Univ. Catolica 5-1
24.02.95 At. Nacional v Univ. Catolica 3-1
07.03.95 Millonarios v Univ. de Chile 1-0
10.03.95 At. Nacional v Univ. de Chile 1-0
15.03.95 Univ. Catolica v Univ. de Chile ..2-0
15.03.95 Millonarios v At. Nacional 2-0
21.03.95 Univ. Catolica v Millonarios 4-1
24.03.95 Univ. de Chile v Millonarios 3-2
04.04.95 Univ. Catolica v At. Nacional 1-1
07.04.95 Univ. de Chile v At. Nacional 0-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millonarios	6	3	1	2	11	8	10
At. Nacional	6	2	3	1	5	4	9
Univ. De Chile	6	2	1	3	7	7	7
Univ. Catolica	6	2	1	3	10	14	7

Play-off: Univ Catolica v Univ. de Chile .4-1

Group 4
(Ecuador & Brazil)

21.02.95 Palmeiras v Gremio 3-2
22.02.95 Emelec v Nacional 1-1
07.03.95 Nacional v Palmeiras 1-0
10.03.95 Emelec v Palmeiras 1-3
14.03.95 Emelec v Gremio 2-2
17.03.95 Nacional v Gremio 1-2
22.03.95 Gremio v Palmeiras 0-0
23.03.95 Nacional v Emelec 0-2
28.03.95 Palmeiras v Emelec 2-1
31.03.95 Gremio v Emelec 4-1
04.04.95 Palmeiras v Nacional 7-0
07.04.95 Gremio v Nacional 2-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Palmeiras	6	4	1	1	15	5	13
Gremio	6	3	2	1	12	7	11
Emelec	6	1	2	3	8	12	5
Nacional	6	1	1	4	3	14	4

Group 5
(Peru & Bolivia)

08.02.95 Bolivar v Wilsterman 2-0
08.02.95 Spt. Cristal v Alianza Lima 3-0
14.02.95 Wilsterman v Alianza Lima 2-1
18.02.95 Bolivar v Alianza Lima 3-1
21.02.95 Wilsterman v Sporting Cristal 2-2
24.02.95 Bolivar v Sporting Cristal 1-1
08.03.95 Alianza Lima v Sporting Cristal .1-1
08.03.95 Wilsterman v Bolivar 1-1
14.03.95 Alianza Lima v Wilsterman 6-1
17.03.95 Sporting Cristal v Wilsterman 7-0
21.03.95 Alianza Lima v Bolivar 1-1
24.03.95 Sporting Cristal v Bolivar 1-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SPT Cristal	6	3	3	0	15	4	12
Bolivar	6	2	3	1	8	5	9
Alianza	6	1	2	3	10	11	5
Wilsterman	6	1	2	3	6	19	5

2nd round

1st leg

25.04.95 Olimpia v Gremio 0-3
26.04.95 Emelec v Cerro Porteno 2-0
26.04.95 Alianza Lima v Millonarios 1-1
26.04.95 Bolivar v Palmeiras 1-0
26.04.95 Caracas FC v Sporting Cristal ..2-2
26.04.95 At. Nacional v Penarol 3-1
26.04.95 Velez Sarsfield v Independiente ...3-0
27.04.95 Univ. Catolica v River Plate 2-1

2nd leg

03.05.95 River Plate v Univ. Catolica 3-1
River Plate won 4-2 on agg
03.05.95 Cerro Porteno v Emelec 2-0
Agg: 2-2, Emelec won 5-4 on pens
03.05.95 Millonarios v Alianza Lima 2-0
Millonarios won 3-1 on agg
03.05.95 Palmeiras v Bolivar 3-0
Palmeiras won 3-1 on agg
03.05.95 Penarol v At. Nacional 1-3
Atletico Nacional won 6-2 on agg
03.05.95 Gremio v Olimpia 2-0
Gremio won 5-0 on agg
04.05.95 Velez Sarsfield v Independiente ..2-2
Velez won 5-2 on agg
04.05.95 Sporting Cristal v Caracas FC ...6-3
Sporting won 8-5 on agg

Quarter-finals

1st leg

26.07.95 River Plate v Emelec
26.07.95 Millonarios v Palmeiras
26.07.95 Sporting Crystal v At. Nacional
26.07.95 Gremio v Velez Sarsfield

2nd leg

02.08.95 Emelec v River Plate *(I)*
02.08.95 Palmeiras v Millonarios *(J)*
02.08.95 At. Nacional v Sporting Crystal *(K)*
02.08.95 Velez Sarsfield v Gremio *(L)*

Semi-finals

1st leg

09.08.95 Winner I v Winner J
09.08.95 Winner K v Winner L

2nd leg

16.08.95 Winner J v Winner I
16.08.95 Winner L v Winner K

Final
1st leg
23.08.95 semi-final winners
2nd leg
30.08.95 semi-final winners

ARGENTINA
National A Division – closing championship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gim. La Plata	17	11	5	1	28	12	27
San Lorenzo	17	12	2	3	29	12	26
Velez Sarsfield	17	10	4	3	26	12	24
Dep. Espanol	17	9	3	5	25	13	21
Boca Juniors	17	7	6	4	26	16	20
Rosario Central	17	5	9	3	27	19	19
Lanus	17	7	4	6	21	17	18
River Plate	17	7	4	6	26	23	18
Racing Club	17	5	8	4	19	17	18
Gim. Jujuy	17	4	8	5	16	18	16
FC Oeste	17	4	7	6	11	18	15
Platense	16	2	10	4	8	11	14
Independiente	17	5	4	8	20	24	14
Banfield	16	4	5	7	14	19	13
Newell's OB	17	5	3	9	18	24	13
Dep. Mandiyu	17	3	7	7	16	23	13
Talleres	17	3	7	7	18	27	13
Belgrano	17	4	5	8	11	24	13
Huracan	17	3	6	8	17	30	12
Argentinos Jun.	17	2	7	8	17	34	11

Bottom relegation standings [average points per game over last three seasons – two clubs relegated]: Newell's O, 866; Platense 0,864; Gimnasia Jujuy 0,861; Mandiyu 0,812; Talleres [already relegated] 0,611.

BOLIVIA
Professional Championship – qualifying stage *(final)*
Group A: 1) Guabira 29 pts; 2) Oriente Petrolero 26; 3) Independiente Petrolero 20; 4) Bolivar 17; 5) Real Santa Cruz 16; 6) Wilsterman 15.
Group B: 1) San Jose, The Strongest 27; 3) Stormers 18; 4) Blooming 15; 5) Ciclon 14; 6) Destroyers 10.

BRAZIL
Rio de Janeiro State Championship – final round

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Flamengo (3)	12	8	2	2	31	15	29
Fluminense	12	8	3	1	19	8	27
Botafogo (1)	12	8	1	3	21	6	26
Vasco (1)	11	4	4	3	16	10	17
Bangu	12	2	5	5	9	17	11
Volta Redonda	12	3	2	7	10	24	11
America	11	2	3	6	9	13	9
Entrerriense	12	1	2	9	5	27	5

Figures in brackets = bonus points obtained in previous rounds

Sao Paulo State First Division – 1st stage *(final)*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portuguesa	30	16	10	4	47	29	58
Sao Paulo	30	15	9	6	45	27	54
Santos	30	13	11	6	49	30	50
Palmeiras	30	12	9	9	47	30	45
Guarani	30	12	9	9	40	36	45
Corinthians	30	10	12	6	42	32	42
Uniao Sao Joao	30	10	9	11	35	38	39
Aracatuba	30	11	5	14	30	41	38
Rio Branco	30	8	12	10	39	42	36
Juventus	30	9	9	12	28	33	36
America	30	7	14	9	26	32	35
Novorizontino	30	8	11	11	26	36	35
XV de Piracicaba	30	8	10	12	38	44	34
Ferroviaria	30	9	7	14	24	32	34
Bragantino	30	7	11	12	27	36	32
Ponte Preta	30	7	8	15	30	55	29

Top seven and Second Division winners Mogi Mirim qualify for second stage

CHILE
First Division
After 9 games: 1) Universidad de Chile 20 pts; 2) Colo Colo 19; 3) Universidad Catolica 18; 4) Cobreloa 17; 5) Antofagasta, Palestino, Temuco, Concepcion 13; 9) Union Espanola, O'Higgins, Coquimbo, Atacama 11; 13) Osorno 9; 14) Huachipato, Everton 6; 16) La Serena 5.

COLOMBIA
First Division *(one game to go)*
After 29 games: 1) Atletico Junior 62 pts; 2) America 59; 3) Nacional 48; 4) Deportivo Cali 44; 5) Independiente Medellin 43; 6) Caldas, Independiente Santa Fe 42; 8) Pereira, Tolima 40; 10) Quindio 36; 11) Tulua 34; 12) Envigado 29; 13) Union Magdalena, Millonarios 28; 15) Huila 25; 16) Cucuta 23.

ECUADOR
First Division – opening tournament *(final)*
1) Espoli 48pts; 2) Liga Deportivo Quito 47; 3) Barcelona 43; 4) Green Cross 42; 5) Emelec 40; 6) Aucas 32; 7) Deportivo Quito, Liga de Portoviejo 25; 9) Nacional 22; 10) Olmedo 18; 11) Delfin 16; 12) Nueve de Octubre 8. *(Played 22)*

PARAGUAY
First Division
After 4 games: 1) Cerro Porteno 8 pts; 2) Olimpia, Cerro Cora 7; 4) Nacional, Sport Colombia 6; 6) Libertad, Sportivo Luqueno, Humaita 5; 9) Sol de America 4; 10) Atletico Colegiales 3; 11) Presidente Hayes, Sportivo San Lorenzo 2; 13) Guarani 1.

PERU
De-centralized Championship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alianza Lima	15	13	0	2	35	8	39
Sporting Cristal	15	10	2	3	38	17	32
Universitario	15	10	2	3	30	16	32
Dep. Sipesa	15	8	4	3	31	9	28
FBC Melgar	15	9	1	5	26	22	28
Cienciano	15	8	3	4	21	15	27
Dep. Municipal	15	7	3	5	31	21	24
Sport Boys	15	5	5	5	19	17	20
Ciclista Lima	15	5	5	5	19	26	20
Aurich Canana	15	4	5	6	19	23	17
Dep. San Agustin	15	4	4	7	19	25	16
Union Huaral	15	3	5	7	15	24	14
Union Minas	15	4	2	9	19	32	14
Alianza Atletico	15	4	1	10	18	35	13
Leon de Huanuco	15	2	4	9	7	27	10
Atletico Torino	15	0	2	13	7	37	2

URUGUAY
First Division – opening championship *(final)*
1) Penarol, Liverpool 25pts [*Penarol won play-off 2-0*]; 3) Nacional 24; 4) Defensor Sporting 21; 5) Central Espanol 19; 6) Wanderers 18; 7) Cerro 16; 8) Sud America 15; 9) River Plate 14; 10) Danubio 10; 11) Progreso 8; 12) Rampla Juniors 6; 13) Basanez 4. (Played 12)

VENEZUELA
First Division – final round *(final)*
Leaders: 1) Caracas FC 17 pts; 2) Minerven 16; 3) Tachira 14.

SHELL CARIBBEAN CUP – 1995

Championship Round
FIRST ROUND
Group A
(in the Cayman Islands)

21.07.95	French Guyana v St Vincent
21.07.95	Cayman Islands v Antigua
23.07.95	Cayman Islands v St Vincent
23.07.95	Antigua v French Guyana
25.07.95	Antigua v St Vincent
25.07.95	French Guyana v Cayman Is

Group B
(in Jamaica)

19.07.95	Trinidad & Tobago v Cuba
19.07.95	Jamaica v St Lucia
21.07.95	St Lucia v Trinidad & Tobago
21.07.95	Jamaica v Cuba
23.07.95	Cuba v St Lucia
23.07.95	Trinidad & Tobago v Jamaica

SEMI-FINALS
(in the Cayman Islands)

27.07.95	1st Gp A v 2nd Gp B
28.07.95	1st Gp B v 2nd Gp A

3RD PLACE PLAY-OFF
(in the Cayman Islands)

30.07.95	semi-final losers

FINAL
(in the Cayman Islands)

30.07.95	semi-final winners

1996 AFRICAN NATIONS CUP
- *Nigeria qualify as holders*
- *South Africa qualify as hosts*

GROUP 1

04.09.94	Zaire v Malawi	1-1
04.09.94	Zimbabwe v Lesotho	5-0
15.10.94	Malawi v Zimbabwe	3-1
16.10.94	Cameroon v Zaire	1-0
13.11.94	Lesotho v Cameroon	2-0
13.11.94	Zimbabwe v Zaire	2-1
08.01.95	Cameroon v Malawi	0-0
08.01.95	Zaire v Lesotho	3-0
22.01.95	Lesotho v Malawi	0-2
22.01.95	Zimbabwe v Cameroon	4-1
09.04.95	Malawi v Zaire	0-1
09.04.95	Lesotho v Zimbabwe	0-2
23.04.95	Zaire v Cameroon	2-1
23.04.95	Zimbabwe v Malawi	1-1
04.06.95	Cameroon v Lesotho	4-1
04.06.95	Zaire v Zimbabwe	5-0
16.07.95	Malawi v Cameroon	
16.07.95	Lesotho v Zaire	
30.07.95	Malawi v Lesotho	
30.07.95	Cameroon v Zimbabwe	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zaire	7	4	1	2	13	5	9
Zimbabwe	7	4	1	2	15	11	9
Malawi	6	2	3	1	7	4	8
Cameroon	6	2	1	3	7	9	5
Lesotho	6	1	0	5	3	16	2

- *Swaziland withdrew*

GROUP 2

03.09.94	Senegal v Mauritania	0-0
04.09.94	Guinea-Bissau v Tunisia	1-3
	Result nullified, Guinea-Bissau withdrew	
04.09.94	Liberia v Togo	1-0
14.10.94	Mauritania v Guinea-Bissau	1-1
	Result nullified, Guinea-Bissau withdrew	
16.10.94	Togo v Senegal	2-0
11.11.94	Mauritania v Liberia	1-1
13.11.94	Guinea-Bissau v Senegal	1-4
	Result nullified, Guinea-Bissau withdrew	
13.11.94	Tunisia v Togo	1-1
07.01.95	Senegal v Tunisia	0-0
08.01.95	Togo v Mauritania	0-0
22.01.95	Liberia v Senegal	1-1
29.01.95	Tunisia v Mauritania	1-0
10.02.95	Tunisia v Liberia	0-0
07.04.95	Mauritania v Senegal	0-1
09.04.95	Togo v Liberia	0-0
22.04.95	Senegal v Togo	5-1
23.04.95	Liberia v Tunisia	1-0
04.06.96	Liberia v Mauritania	2-0
04.06.95	Togo v Tunisia	0-1
14.07.95	Mauritania v Togo	
15.07.95	Tunisia v Senegal	
28.07.95	Mauritania v Tunisia	
29.07.95	Senegal v Liberia	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liberia	7	3	4	0	6	2	10
Senegal	6	2	3	1	7	4	7
Tunisia	6	2	3	1	3	2	7
Togo	7	1	3	3	4	8	5
Mauritania	6	0	3	3	1	5	3

- *Guinea-Bissau withdrew*

GROUP 3

04.09.94	Congo v Gambia	1-1
	Result nullied, Gambia withdrew	
04.09.94	Ghana v Sierra Leone	4-1
16.10.94	Niger v Ghana	1-5
16.10.94	Sierra Leone v Congo	3-2
12.11.94	Gambia v Ghana	1-2
	Result nullied, Gambia withdrew	
13.11.94	Niger v Sierra Leone	4-2
07.01.95	Sierra Leone v Gambia	2-0
08.01.95	Congo v Niger	3-1
22.01.95	Ghana v Congo	3-1
22.01.95	Niger v Gambia	1-1
	Result nullied, Gambia withdrew	
08.04.95	Sierra Leone v Ghana	1-0
09.04.95	Gambia v Congo	1-1
	Result nullied, Gambia withdrew	
22.04.95	Congo v Sierra Leone	0-2
23.04.95	Ghana v Niger	1-0
03.06.95	Sierra Leone v Niger	5-1
16.07.95	Niger v Congo	
30.07.95	Congo v Ghana	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ghana	5	4	0	1	13	4	8
Sierra Leone	6	4	0	2	14	11	8
Congo	4	1	0	3	6	9	2
Niger	5	1	0	4	7	16	2

- *Central African Republic withdrew*
- *Gambia withdrew*

GROUP 4

03.09.94	Tanzania v Uganda	4-0
04.09.94	Ethiopia v Algeria	0-0
04.09.94	Sudan v Egypt	0-0
14.10.94	Algeria v Sudan	1-1
14.10.94	Egypt v Tanzania	5-1
15.10.94	Uganda v Ethiopia	4-1
11.11.94	Egypt v Ethiopia	5-0
12.11.94	Tanzania v Sudan	2-0
12.11.95	Uganda v Algeria	1-1
07.01.95	Sudan v Uganda	3-1
08.01.95	Algeria v Egypt	1-0
08.01.95	Ethiopia v Tanzania	1-0
21.01.95	Tanzania v Algeria	2-1
21.01.95	Uganda v Egypt	0-0
22.01.95	Ethiopia v Sudan	2-0
07.04.95	Algeria v Ethiopia	2-0
07.04.95	Egypt v Sudan	3-1
08.04.95	Uganda v Tanzania	2-0
22.04.95	Tanzania v Egypt	1-2
23.04.95	Ethiopia v Uganda	0-0
24.04.95	Sudan v Algeria	2-0
	Result annulled after protest, points awarded to Algeria	
02.06.95	Algeria v Uganda	1-1
04.06.95	Ethiopia v Egypt	0-2
04.06.95	Sudan v Tanzania	2-1
14.07.95	Egypt v Algeria	
15.07.95	Tanzania v Ethiopia	
15.07.95	Uganda v Sudan	
28.07.95	Algeria v Tanzania	
28.07.95	Egypt v Uganda	
30.07.95	Sudan v Ethiopia	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Egypt	8	5	2	1	17	4	12
Algeria	8	3	4	1	9	5	10
Uganda	8	2	4	2	9	10	8
Tanzania	8	3	0	5	10	12	6
Sudan	8	2	2	4	7	12	6
Ethiopia	8	2	2	4	4	13	6

GROUP 5

04.09.94	Madagascar v Sth Africa	0-1
	Result nullied, Madagascar withdrew	
15.10.94	South Africa v Mauritius	1-0
	*Result nullied, South Africa withdrew**	
13.11.94	Gabon v Mauritius	3-0
13.11.94	Zambia v South Africa	1-1
	*Result nullied, South Africa withdrew**	
20.11.94	Gabon v Zambia	2-1
10.01.95	Mauritius v Zambia	0-3
08.04.95	Zambia v Gabon	1-0
04.06.95	Mauritius v Gabon	0-3
16.07.95	Zambia v Mauritius	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gabon	4	3	0	1	8	2	6
Zambia	3	2	0	1	5	2	4
Mauritius	3	0	0	3	0	9	0

- *Madagascar withdrew*
- *Seychelles withdrew*
- *South Africa withdrew after being named as hosts for the finals*

GROUP 6

04.09.94	Angola v Namibia	2-0
04.09.94	Botswana v Guinea	0-1
04.09.94	Mali v Mozambique	2-1
15.10.94	Namibia v Mali	2-1
16.10.94	Guinea v Angola	3-1
16.10.94	Mozambique v Botswana	3-1
30.10.94	Mali v Guinea	2-0
13.11.94	Mali v Angola	0-0
13.11.94	Mozambique v Guinea	2-1
13.11.94	Namibia v Botswana	1-1
08.01.95	Angola v Mozambique	1-0
08.01.95	Botswana v Mali	1-3
08.01.95	Guinea v Namibia	3-0
22.01.95	Botswana v Angola	1-2
22.01.95	Mozambique v Namibia	4-2
09.04.95	Namibia v Angola	2-2
09.04.95	Guinea v Botswana	5-0
09.04.95	Mozambique v Mali	1-0
23.04.95	Angola v Guinea	3-0
23.04.95	Mali v Namibia	2-0
23.04.95	Botswana v Mozambique	0-3
04.06.95	Botswana v Namibia	1-1
04.06.95	Angola v Mali	1-0
04.06.95	Guinea v Mozambique	0-0
16.07.95	Mali v Botswana	
16.07.95	Mozambique v Angola	
16.07.95	Namibia v Guinea	
30.07.95	Angola v Botswana	
30.07.95	Guinea v Mali	
30.07.95	Namibia v Mozambique	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Angola	8	5	2	1	12	6	12
Mozambique	8	5	1	2	14	7	11
Guinea	8	4	1	3	13	8	9
Mali	8	4	1	3	10	6	9
Namibia	8	1	3	4	8	16	5
Botswana	8	0	2	6	5	19	2

GROUP 7

04.09.94	Burkina Faso v Morocco	2-1
13.11.94	Morocco v Ivory Coast	1-0
22.01.95	Ivory Coast v Burkina Faso	2-2
09.04.95	Morocco v Burkina Faso	0-0
04.06.95	Ivory Coast v Morocco	2-0
30.07.95	Burkina Faso v Ivory Coast	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burkina Faso	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Ivory Coast	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Morocco	4	1	1	2	2	4	3

- *Benin withdrew*
- *Cape Verde Islands withdrew*
- *Equatorial Guinea withdrew*

1995 AFRICAN CHAMPIONS CUP
PRELIMINARY ROUND
(1st leg: Feb 3-5; 2nd leg: Feb 17-19)

Eleven Men in Flight (Swa) 2
Lobatse Gunners (Bot) 2

Lobatse Gunners 2 EMIF 2
Agg: 4-4, EMIF won 4-2 on pens

FIRST ROUND
(1st leg: March 10-12; 2nd leg: March 24-26)

Fantastique (Bur) 0
Ismailia (Egy) 1

Ismailia 1 Fantasique 0
Ismailia won 2-0 on agg

Royal Lesotho Defence Force 2
Saint Pierroise (RI) 2

Saint Pierroise 4 RLDF 0
Saint Pierroise won 6-2 on agg

Force Nationale de Securite (Dji) 0
Express FC (Uga) 2

Express 7 FN de Securite 0
Express won 9-0 on agg

Etoile du Congo (Con) 3
Aigle Royale de Nkongsamba (Cam) 2

Aigle Royale de Nkongsamba 1
Etoile du Congo 0
Agg: 3-3, Aigle won on away goals

Dynamos (Zim) 1
El Hilal (Sud) 0

El Hilal 0 Dynamos 1
Dynamos won 2-0 on agg

Dragons Oueme (Ben) *withdrew* v
US Chaouia (Alg) *walkover*

Etoile Filante (BF) 1
Esperance (Tun) 1

Esperance 4 Etoile Filante 1
Esperance won 5-2 on agg

Fire Brigade (Mauritius) 3
Costa do Sol (Moz) 0

Costa do Sol 1 Fire Brigade 0
Fire Brigade won 3-1 on agg

Semassi Sokode (Tog) 0
BCC Lions (Nig) 1

BCC Lions 1 Semassi Sokode 0
BCC Lions won 2-0 on agg

Eleven Men in Flight (Swa) 0
Orlando Pirates (SA) 3

Orlando Pirates 2 EMIF 0
Pirates won 5-0 on agg

Real Banjul (Gam) 1
Desportivo Travaderos (CVI) 0

Des. Travaderos 0 Real Banjul 0
Real Banjul won 1-0 on agg

Mbilinga (Gab) 4
Vita Club (Zai) 0

Vita Club 4 Mbilinga 2
Mbilinga won 6-4 on agg

Petro Atletico (Ang) 1
ASEC Abidjan (IC) 2

ASEC Abidjan 3 Petro Atletico 1
ASEC won 5-2 on agg

Power Dynamos (Zam) 1
Simba (Tan) 1

Simba 1 Power Dynamos 1
Agg: 2-2, Simba won 5-4 on pens

NPA Anchors (Lib) 0
Goldfields (Gha) 0

Goldfields 8 NPA Anchors 1
Goldfields won 8-1 on agg

Stade Malien (Mal) 1
Horoya (Gui) 0

Horoya 1 Stade Malien 1
Stade Malien won 2-1 on agg

SECOND ROUND
(1st leg: May 5-7; 2nd leg: May 19-21)

Ismailia 5 Saint Pierroise 0
Saint Pierroise 1 Ismailia 3
Ismailia won 8-1 on agg

Express 3 AR de Knongsamba 0
AR de Nkongsamba 1 Express 0
Express won 3-1 on agg

Dynamos 1 US Chaouia 1
US Chaouia 2 Dynamos 3
Dynamos won 4-3 on agg

Esperance 2 Fire Brigade 0
Fire Brigade 0 Esperance 2
Esperance won 4-0 on agg

BCC Lions 1 Orlando Pirates 1
Orlando Pirates 1 BCC Lions 0
Pirates won 2-1 on agg

Real Banjul 2 Mbilinga 0
Mbilinga 4 Real Banjul 0
2nd leg abandoned after 70 mins
Mbilinga awarded tie

ASEC Abidjan 2 Simba 1
Simba 1 ASEC Abidjan 2
ASEC won 4-2 on agg

Goldfields 1 Stade Malien 0
Stade Malien 0 Goldfields 0
Goldfields won 1-0 on agg

QUARTER-FINALS
(1st leg: Sep 8-10; 2nd leg: Sep 22-24)

Esperance v Ismailia

Goldfields v ASEC Abidjan

Mbilinga v Orlando Pirates

Express v Dynamos

SEMI-FINALS
(1st leg: Oct 13-15; 2nd leg: Oct 27-29)

FINAL
(1st leg: Dec 1-3; 2nd leg: Dec 15-17)

1995 AFRICAN CUP-WINNERS CUP
FIRST ROUND
(1st leg: Mar 10-12; 2nd leg: Mar 24-26)

Vaal Professionals (SA) 2
Young Africans 2

Young Africans 2 Vaal Pros 1
Young Africans won 4-3 on agg

Matlama (Les) 2
Cadets (Mauritius) 1

Cadets 3 Matlama 1
Cadets won 4-3 on agg

Blackpool (Zim) 2
Sainte Andreenne (RI) 0

Sainte Andreenne 1 Blackpool 3
Blackpool won 5-1 on agg

Township Rollers (Bot) 2

Kabwe Warriors (Zam) 1
Kabwe Warriors 4 Township Rollers 1
Warriors won 5-3 on agg
Mbabane Highlanders (Swa) 0
Maxaquene (Moz) 0
Maxaquene 2 Mbabane Highlanders 1
Maxaquene won 2-1 on agg
Walldan (Gam) walkover v
Kawkab Marrakech (Mor) withdrew
Guinea withdrew v
AS Marsa (Tun) walkover
Zumunta (Niger) 2
Stade Abidjan (IC) 1
Stade Abidjan 1 Zumunta 0
Agg: 2-2, Stade won on away goals
AS Nianan de Koulikoro (Mali) 0
Etoile Filante (Togo) 1
Etoile Filante 0 ASN de Koulikoro 2
ASN de Koulikoro won 2-1 on agg
Independiente Tomba (Ang) 1
Olympic Mvolye (Cam) 2
Olympic Mvolye 3 Indep. Tomba 0
Olympic won 5-1 on agg
EnB (Con) 1
Hearts of Oak (Gha) 3
EnB withdrew v
Hearts of Oak walkover
Vital'O (Bur) 2
Mangasport (Gab) 0
Mangasport 2 Vital'O 1
Vital'O won 3-2 on agg

SECOND ROUND
(1st leg: May 5-7; 2nd leg: May 19-21)
Young Africans 3 Cadets 1
Cadets 1 Young Africans 1
Young Africans won 4-2 on agg
Blackpool 0 Kabwe Warriors 0
Kabwe Warriors 1 Blackpool 3
Blackpool won 3-1 on agg
El Merreikh (Sud) 1 Maxaquene 1
Maxaquene 2 El Merreikh 1
Maxaquene won 2-1 on agg
Walldan withdrew v
AS Marsa walkover
JS Kabylie (Alg) 2 Stade Abidjan 0
Stade Abidjan 1 JS Kabylie 0
JS Kabylie won 2-1 on agg
Julius Berger (Nig) 5 ASN de K. 0
ASN de Koulikoro 1 Julius Berger 3
Julius Berger won 8-1 on agg
Olympic Mvolye 1 Hearts of Oak 0
Hearts of Oak 4 Olympic Mvolye 0
Hearts of Oak won 4-1 on agg
DC Motema Pembe (Zai) 2 Vital'O 0
Vital'O 1 DC Motema Pembe 0
DC Motema Pembe won 2-1 on agg

QUARTER-FINALS
(1st leg: Sep 8-10; 2nd leg: Sep 22-24)
Maxaquene v AS Marsa
DC Motema Pembe v Julius Berger
Blackpool v Young Africans
JS Kabylie v Hearts of Oak

SEMI-FINALS
(1st leg: Oct 13-15; 2nd leg: Oct 27-29)

FINAL
(1st leg: Nov 24-26; 2nd leg: Dec 8-10)

1995 CAF CUP

FIRST ROUND
(1st leg: Mar 10-12; 2nd leg: Mar 24-26)
Inter Star (Bur) 1
Asante Kotoko (Gha) 0
Asante Kotoko 4 Inter Star 1
Asante Kotoko won 4-2 on agg
Cape Town Spurs (SA) withdrew v
Arsenal (Les) walkover
Malindi (Tan) 2
Mbabane Swallows (Swa) 0
Mbabane Swallows 0 Malindi 1
Malindi won 3-0 on agg
Kampala City Council (Uga) 2
Al Hilal Port Sudan (Sud) 0
Al Hilal Port Sudan 1 Kampala CC 1
Kampala CC won 3-1 on agg
Stade Tamponnaise (RI) 1
Zamsure (Zam) 1
Zamsure 1 Stade Tamponnaise 0
Zamsure won 2-1 on agg
Prisons (Bot) *withdrew* v
Ferroviario Maputo (Moz) *walkover*
JS Bordj Menaiel (Alg) 5
USFA (BF) 1
USFA 2 JS Bordj Menaiel 1
JS Bordj Menaiel won 6-3 on agg
SC Atletico (CVI) *withdrew* v
Etoile Sahel (Tun) *walkover*
AS Kaloum (Gui) 0
Africa Sports (IC) 1
Africa Sports 3 AS Kaloum 4
Agg: 4-4, Kaloum won on away goals
Djoliba (Mali) 2
Sanga Balende (Zai) 0
Sanga Balende 1 Djoliba 0
Djoliba won 2-1 on agg
Cotonsport Garoua (Cam) 2
Mogas 90 (Benin) 0
Mogas 90 2 Cotonsport 1
Cotonsport won 3-2 on agg
Inter Club (Congo) 0
Petrosport (Gabon) 2
Petrosport 0 Inter Club 2
Agg: 2-2, Inter won 3-2 on pens

SECOND ROUND
(1st leg: May 5-7; 2nd leg: May 19-21)
Asante Kotoko 1 Arsenal 0
Arsenal 2 Asante Kotoko 1
Agg: 2-2, Asante won on away goals
Malindi 1 Kampala City Council 0
Kampala City Council 0 Malindi 2
Malindi won 3-0 on agg
Zamsure 1 Ferroviario Maputo 1
Ferroviario Maputo 1 Zamsure 0
Ferroviario won 2-1 on agg
JS Bordj Menaiel 2 Etoile Sahel 1
Etoile Sahel 2 JS Bordj Menaiel 0
Agg: 3-3,Etoile won on away goals
Kaloum Stars 1 Primiero Maio (Ang) 0
Primiero Maio 1 Kaloum Stars 0
Agg: 1-1, Kaloum won 4-2 on pens
Djoliba 2 Shooting Stars (Nig) 0
Shooting Stars 1 Djoliba 0
Djoliba won 2-1 on agg
Cotonsport 0 A. Omnisport (Tog) 2
Agaza Omnisport 1 Cotonsport 1
Agaza Omnisport won 3-1 on agg
Inter Club 2 Bendel Insurance (Nig) 0
Bendel Insurance 1 Inter Club 0
Inter Club won 2-1 on agg

QUARTER-FINALS
(1st leg: Oct 8-10; 2nd leg: Oct 22-24)
Djoliba v Inter Club
Asante Kotoko v Kaloum Stars
Etoile Sahel v Ferroviario Maputo
Malindi v Agaza Omnisport

SEMI-FINALS
(1st leg: Oct 13-15; 2nd leg: Oct 27-29)

FINAL
(1st leg: Nov 17-19; 2nd leg: Dec 1-3)

SOUTH AFRICA

NSL CASTLE LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 0
CAPE TOWN SPURS 0
WITBANK ACES 0
WITS UNIVERSITY 1 (Du Pont 82).

SATURDAY, MARCH 18
D'ALBERTON CALLIES 1 (Nhlapo 54)
HELLENIC 2 (Crowie 33, Pietersen 87)
ORLANDO PIRATES 3 (Motale 19 pen, Ramokgadi 47, Skosana 49)
JOMO COSMOS 1 (Morula 43).
AMAZULU 1 (Lubombo 52)
WITS UNIVERSITY 1 (Du Pont 60).
CAPE TOWN SPURS 1 (Modise 58)
WITBANK ACES 1 (Mofokeng 60).
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 1 (Phetla 85)
KAIZER CHIEFS 0
MOROKA SWALLOWS 2 (Pillay 75, Sekano 84)
AFRICAN WANDERERS 0.
QWAQWA STARS 4 (Mazibuko 1, M Tsotetsi 5, Ngaduane 25, 82)
REAL ROVERS 2 (Bapela 10, Sebola 51)
UMTATA BUCKS 1 (Augustine 49)
MANNING RANGERS 2 (Koumantarakis 18, Khan 78).
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 2 (Chacho 17, Jansen 87 pen)
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 2 (Reed 55, Modukanele 57).

FRIDAY, MARCH 24
HELLENIC 0
AMAZULU 0
WITS UNIVERSITY 1 (Du Pont 42)
QWAQWA STARS 0.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26
AFRICAN WANDERERS 1 (Kunene 68)
CAPE TOWN SPURS 2 (Borman 15, Lupiya 70).
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 3 (Kotoane 20, Jackson 51 pen, Modukanele 73)
MOROKA SWALLOWS 0
JOMO COSMOS 0
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 0
WITBANK ACES 3 (Biyela 16, 89, K Sibeko 65)
D'ALBERTON CALLIES 1 (Rapatsa 43).

TUESDAY, MARCH 28
KAIZER CHIEFS 1 (Koloba 57)
UMTATA BUCKS 0.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31
CAPE TOWN SPURS 2 (Borman 10, Mentoor 16)
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 1 (Reed 66).

SATURDAY, APRIL 1
AMAZULU 3 (Magagula 10, Lubombo 34, Dlamini 88)
D'ALBERTON CALLIES 2 (C Matlala 33, Rapatsa 71).
ORLANDO PIRATES 2 (Moloi 49, Skosana 75)
WITS UNIVERSITY 0.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2
AFRICAN WANDERERS 1 (Blose 57)
WITBANK ACES 0
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 0
KAIZER CHIEFS 1 (Lebese 83).
QWAQWA STARS 1 (Letsoaka 40)
HELLENIC 1 (C das Neves 25).
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 2 (Magolego 6, Phetla 89)
REAL ROVERS 1 (Kambuanya 26).
MOROKA SWALLOWS 1 (Leepo 20)
MANNING RANGERS 2 (Ndlanya 40 pen, Dlamini 48).
UMTATA BUCKS 1 (Brown 71)
JOMO COSMOS 2 (Nagoli 19, Morula 44).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
REAL ROVERS 1 (Sebola 26)
ORLANDO PIRATES 4 (Motale 42 pen, Maponyane 56, Mncwango 65, Skosana 85).

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
KAIZER CHIEFS 2 (Mine og 22, Mthethwa 38)
MOROKA SWALLOWS 0.
D'ALBERTON CALLIES 1 (Amukoia 42)
QWAQWA STARS 3 (Ngaduane 17 pen, 87, Muchichwa 28).

SUNDAY, APRIL 9
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 5 (Arries 50, Maboe 51, 80, Reed 70, 85)
AFRICAN WANDERERS 0
HELLENIC 0
ORLANDO PIRATES 1 (Mkhaleie 17)
MANNING RANGERS 0
CAPE TOWN SPURS 1 (Larsen og 67).
REAL ROVERS 3 (Bapela 2, 20, Sibiya 75)
UMTATA BUCKS 1 (Qosha 3).
WITBANK ACES 2 (Mofokeng 44 pen, Hlophe 80)
AMAZULU 1 (Lubombo 18).
WITS UNIVERSITY 0
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 1 (Masilela 63).

FRIDAY, APRIL 14
AFRICAN WANDERERS 1 (Mtshali 51)
MANNING RANGERS 1 (Ndlanya 41)
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 0
WITBANK ACES 1 (Siyangaphi 65).
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 2 (R Molefe 11, Phetla 82)
HELLENIC 0
MOROKA SWALLOWS 1 (Ngake 82)
JOMO COSMOS 1 (Banda 89).
ORLANDO PIRATES 2 (Motale 38 pen, Maponyane 52)
D'ALBERTON CALLIES 0
QWAQWA STARS 3 (Ngaduane, F Moloi, Mazibuko)
AMAZULU 1 (Lubombo).
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 1 (Mnguni 48)
REAL ROVERS 1 (Sebola 20).

SUNDAY, APRIL 16
AMAZULU 0
ORLANDO PIRATES 0.

MONDAY, APRIL 17
D'ALBERTON CALLIES 1 (Rapatsa 62 pen)
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 1 (Mudau 89).
HELLENIC 4 (Stober 40 seconds, 5, 29, Nyirenda 48)
UMTATA BUCKS 1 (Crowley 37 og).
JOMO COSMOS 1 (Morula)
CAPE TOWN SPURS 1 (Ramasike).
KAIZER CHIEFS 0
AFRICAN WANDERERS 0
MANNING RANGERS 4 (Dlamini 18, Malesela 65, Makau 77, 79)
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 0
REAL ROVERS 2 (Sibiya 65, 78)
MOROKA SWALLOWS 1 (Sekati 3).
WITBANK ACES 0
AMAZULU 1 (Ngaduane 85).

TUESDAY, APRIL 18
WITS UNIVERSITY 0
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 1 (Jowa 19)

FRIDAY, APRIL 21
CAPE TOWN SPURS 3 (Borman 16, Lupiya 38, Mentoor 83)
REAL ROVERS 0.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 2 (Feutmba 26, Mudau 46)
AMAZULU 3 (Ngcoya 15, 35 pen, Magagula 85).
MANNING RANGERS 1 (Dlamini 20)
WITBANK ACES 2 (Nxumalo 61, Biyela 72).
MOROKA SWALLOWS 1 (Khundu 59)
WITS UNIVERSITY 1 (Mwakapuki 41).
ORLANDO PIRATES 0
QWAQWA STARS 1 (Moloi 9).

SUNDAY, APRIL 23
AFRICAN WANDERERS 4 (Ngwenya 27, 39, Shusha 41, Methula 44)
JOMO COSMOS 4 (Sekano 7, Moleko 33, Mncwango 38, Mtsholongo 70).
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 0
KAIZER CHIEFS 1 (Mooki 24).
UMTATA BUCKS 0
D'ALBERTON CALLIES 0.
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 2 (Zwane 21, Jansen 80 pen)
HELLENIC 3 (C das Neves 18, Nyirenda 27, Stober 43).

FRIDAY, APRIL 28
HELLENIC 3 (Stober 10, Nyirenda 15, C das Neves 73)
MOROKA SWALLOWS 1 (Rapelego 89 pen).

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
D'ALBERTON CALLIES 2 (Moalusi 59, Amukola 89)
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 0.
KAIZER CHIEFS 1 (Lebese 25)
MANNING RANGERS 0.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
AMAZULU 3 (Tsoane 32, Hlongwane 72 pen, Lubombo 87)
UMTATA BUCKS 2 (Augustine 63, Nogwaza 88).
JOMO COSMOS 1 (Arries og)
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 0.
QWAQWA STARS 2 (Ngaduane 2)
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 0.
REAL ROVERS 2 (Bapela 2)
AFRICAN WANDERERS 3 (Nxumalo 2, Mtshali).

SATURDAY, MAY 6
KAIZER CHIEFS 2 (Mthethwa 76, 77)
WITBANK ACES 0.

SUNDAY, MAY 7
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 0
REAL ROVERS 0.
CAPE TOWN SPURS 2 (Lupiya 58, Burton 89)
HELLENIC 0.
MANNING RANGERS 1 (Mngomeni 44)
JOMO COSMOS 0.
MOROKA SWALLOWS 2 (Pillay 39, 44)
D'ALBERTON CALLIES 2 (Rapatsa 51, C Matlala 57).
UMTATA BUCKS 3 (Augustine 20 pen, Misi 72, Brown 77)
QWAQWA STARS 0.
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 1 (Seakamela 20)
AMAZULU 0.

SUNDAY, MAY 14
AMAZULU 2 (Tsoane 1, Lubombo 75)
MOROKA SWALLOWS 2 (Rapelego 60, Hlongwane 78 og).
RABALI BLACKPOOL 3 (Rapatsa 2, 1 pen)
CAPE TOWN SPURS 4 (Bartlett 2, Shonhayi, Modise).
REAL ROVERS 1 (Sibiya 30)
MANNING RANGERS 1 (Ndlanya 52).
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 1 (Shabani)
QWAQWA STARS 1 (Moloi).

TUESDAY, MAY 16
WITS UNIVERSITY 4 (Hannan 15, 43, Ellis 16, Gordon 44)
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 0.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
HELLENIC 2 (Stober 31, Myirenda 51)
AFRICAN WANDERERS 1 (Milne 53).
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 0
UMTATA BUCKS 1 (Augustine).
WITBANKS ACES 1 (Nxumbalo 3)
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 4 (Mudau 19, 42, Zwane 44, Magolego 60).

FRIDAY, MAY 19
MANNING RANGERS 1 (Chembo 18 pen)
WITS UNIVERSITY 1 (Gordon 89).

SATURDAY, MAY 20
JOMO COSMOS 1 (Dube 55)
WITBANK ACES 1 (Deetlefs 74 pen).
KAIZER CHIEFS 1 (Mthethwa 47)
REAL ROVERS 1 (Bapela 81).
MOROKA SWALLOWS 1 (Lolwane 88)
QWAQWA STARS 1 (Ngaduane 46).

SUNDAY, MAY 21
AFRICAN WANDERERS 1 (Merikani og 80)
RABALI BLACKPOOL 1 (Rapatsa 20)
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 2 (Haai 47, Kotoane 70)
HELLENIC 1 (C das Neves 8).
CAPE TOWN SPURS 5 (Ramasike 23, 81, Nyathi 52, Bartlett 89, Mentoor 89)
AMAZULU 1 (Nzimande 58 pen).
UMTATA BUCKS 1 (Augustine 61)
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 2 (Buthelezi 37, Mudau 89).

WEDNESDAY MAY 24, 1995
JOMO COSMOS 1 (Morula 44)
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 1 (Jowa 80).

WEDNESDAY MAY 31
WITS UNIVERSITY 0
CAPE TOWN SPURS 3 (Lupiya 2, Ramasike).

SATURDAY JUNE 3
AMAZULU 2 (Dlamini 1 pen, Ngcoya 67)
AFRICAN WANDERERS 0.
RABALI BLACKPOOL 1 (Rapatsa 81)
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 3 (Haai 58, Kotoane 78, Moleko 87).
WITS UNIVERSITY 1 (Hannan 86)
KAIZER CHIEFS 1 (Mthethwa 76).

SUNDAY JUNE 4
HELLENIC 2 (Stober 1, Theunissen 71)
MANNING RANGERS 0.
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 1 (Gondwe 27)
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 1 (Mnguni 24).
ORLANDO PIRATES 1 (Ramokgadi 76)
MOROKA SWALLOWS 1 (Makgaledisa 61).
QWAQWA STARS 0
CAPE TOWN SPURS 1 (Bartlett 28).
REAL ROVERS 1 (Raphalela 86)
JOMO COSMOS 0.
WITBANK ACES 4 (Shili 9, 17, Mofokeng 38, Siyangaphi 68)
UMTATA BUCKS 2 (Augustine 25, Leepo 52).

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7
CAPE TOWN SPURS 2 (Lupiya 75, Ramasike 83)
KAIZER CHIEFS 1 (Mthethwa 85).
UMTATA BUCKS 2 (Lethebe 5, Donnelly 30)
WITS UNIVERSITY 1 (Ellis 60).

RESULTS

South African Coca-Cola Cup results . . . African tables . . . Asian table

VAAL PROFESSIONALS 0
ORLANDO PIRATES 2 (Motale 40 pen, Kkosana 43)
Match abandoned after 60mins, points still to be awarded

WEDNESDAY JUNE 14

CAPE TOWN SPURS 1 (Bartlett 36)
ORLANDO PIRATES 1 (Silent 23).

JOMO COSMOS 0
KAIZER CHIEFS 1 (Dlodlo 42).

MANNING RANGERS 0
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 2 (Jansen 62, Shabani 77).

THURSDAY JUNE 15

WITS UNIVERSITY 3 (Hannan 10 pen, 71, Ngandu 62)
RABALI BLACKPOOL 1 (Amukola 4)

SATURDAY JUNE 17

CAPE TOWN SPURS 3 (Modise 2, Shonhayi)
MOROKA SWALLOWS 0.

KAIZER CHIEFS 1 (Nzeza)
ORLANDO PIRATES 2 (Mphafudi, Ramokgadi)

SUNDAY JUNE 18

AFRICAN WANDS 1 (Mtshali 50)
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 2 (Pitso 70, Seakamela 85).

BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 1 (Motloka 37)
UMTATA BUCKS 2 (Nogwaza 18, 76)

JOMO COSMOS 1 (Mwase)
QWAQWA STARS 2 (Ngadiuane, Muchichwa).

MANNING RANGERS 0
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 2 (Masinga 5, Mudau 39)

REAL ROVERS 2 (Mmola 38, Kambuanya 59)
AMAZULU 2 (Dlamini 2, Magagula 75)

WITBANK ACES 1 (Biyela 88)
HELLENIC 0

WEDNESDAY JUNE 21

WITBANK ACES 0
ORLANDO PIRATES 2 (Mphafudi 21, Skosana 48).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cape Town Spurs	17	12	5	0	33	10	41
Kaizer Chiefs	17	11	3	3	27	11	36
Mamelodi Suns	16	10	4	2	22	10	34
Orlando Pirates	14	10	3	1	24	8	33
QwaQwa Stars	17	8	5	4	25	20	29
Hellenic	17	8	2	7	27	24	26
Vaal Pros	16	6	6	4	18	15	24
Manning Rangers	17	6	3	8	22	21	21
Witbank Aces	16	6	2	8	18	23	20
Jomo Cosmos	17	4	7	6	18	20	19
Wits University	16	5	4	7	18	22	19
Umtata Bucks	16	6	1	9	23	28	19
AmaZulu	17	4	7	6	23	31	19
Bloem. Celtic	17	4	4	9	21	25	16
Real Rovers	17	4	5	8	23	32	17
Moroka Swallows	17	2	6	9	17	29	12
African Wands	16	2	5	9	16	32	11
Rabali Blackpool	17	3	4	10	20	34	7

Blackpool had 6pts deducted for registration irregularities

Leading Scorers

1 ... M Rapatsa (Rabali Blackpool) 12
2 ... S Ngadiuane (QwaQwa Stars) 10
(3 Stober (Hellenic) 10

COCA-COLA CUP

Preliminary Round

WEDNESDAY MAY 10

BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 0
JOMO COSMOS 0.
Aet, Cosmos won 6-5 on pens

RABALI BLACKPOOL 2 (Amukola 31, Rapatsa 60)
AFRICAN WANDERERS 0.

First Round

FRIDAY MAY 26

WITS UNIVERSITY 2 (Du Pont 42, Mwekazeluki 67)
MOROKA SWALLOWS 0.

SATURDAY MAY 27

HELLENIC 1 (C das Neves 119)
WITBANK ACES 0. *Aet*

KAIZER CHIEFS 2 (Khuse 44, Khumalo 71)
REAL ROVERS 1 (Sebola 33).

SUNDAY MAY 28

CAPE TOWN SPURS 2 (Lupiya 93, 115)
RABALI BLACKPOOL 0. *Aet*

MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 2 (Mudau 88, Gondwe 115)
AMAZULU 1 (Lubombo 82). *Aet*

QWAQWA STARS 1 (Mazibuko 20)
VAAL PROFESSIONS 0.

UMTATA BUCKS 0
MANNING RANGERS 0. *Aet*

WEDNESDAY MAY 31

ORLANDO PIRATES 2 (Moeti 47, Skosana 60)
JOMO COSMOS 1 (Dube 22).

First Round Replay

WEDNESDAY MAY 31

UMTATA BUCKS 0
MANNING RANGERS 1 (Ndlanya 60)

Quarter-finals

SATURDAY JUNE 10

MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 0
KAIZER CHIEFS 1 (Mthethwa 99). *Aet*

SUNDAY JUNE 11

CAPE TOWN SPURS 0
WITS UNIVERSITY 1 (Ngandu)

MANNING RANGERS 2 (Ndlanya 61, Chambo 81 pen)
HELLENIC 0
QWAQWA STARS 0
ORLANDO PIRATES 0
Aet, Pirates won 3-1 on pens

Semi-final

SUNDAY JUNE 25

MANNING RANGERS 0
ORLANDO PIRATES 1 (Moloi 70).

EGYPT

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Al Ahly	24	17	5	2	36	11	56
Zamalek	23	12	10	1	25	7	46
Al Ismaili	23	10	9	4	29	18	39
Al Ittihad	24	8	11	5	26	20	35
Arab Contractors	24	6	12	6	14	14	30
Al Suez	24	6	11	7	13	20	29
Al Mehalla	24	5	12	7	20	21	27
Olympic	23	6	9	8	19	23	27
Al Qanat	23	5	11	7	19	20	26
Shebin	24	5	11	8	16	20	26
Al Mesri	24	6	8	10	19	27	26
Al Mehalla	24	4	11	9	15	22	23
Aswan	24	5	5	14	16	30	20
Ittihad Othman	24	3	11	10	14	28	20

ASIA

CHINA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beijing	8	5	1	2	13	7	16
Shanghai	8	4	2	2	13	9	14
Dalian	8	4	2	2	10	9	14
Jilin	8	3	4	1	10	6	13
Guangdong	8	4	1	3	10	10	13
Shandong	8	2	5	1	11	10	11
Tianjin	8	3	1	4	7	7	10
Qingdao	8	2	3	3	9	10	9
Guangzhou	8	2	3	3	6	9	9
Sichuan	8	2	2	4	12	14	8
August First	8	2	2	4	11	13	8
Liaoning	8	1	2	5	11	16	5

HONG KONG – Final

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastern	18	12	4	2	43	43	40
South China	18	11	4	3	35	35	37
Golden	18	8	4	6	24	24	28
Frankwell	18	8	4	6	22	22	28
Rangers	18	7	6	5	23	23	27
Happy Valley	18	8	3	7	25	25	27
Sing Tao	18	7	2	9	25	25	23
Instant-Dict	18	5	6	7	27	28	21
Kui Tan	18	4	2	12	17	41	14
Kitchee	18	1	3	14	15	44	6

LEBANON

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Al Ansar	26	18	7	1	47	13	61
Al Nejmeh	26	15	9	2	33	16	54
Homentmen	26	15	6	5	38	22	51
Homenmen	26	12	11	3	37	22	47
Tadamon Tyr	26	11	5	10	38	31	38
La Sagesse	26	7	14	5	28	26	35
Ikhaa Aley	26	8	7	11	25	24	31
Safa	26	6	12	8	33	30	30
Al Borj	26	6	11	9	21	26	29
Racing	26	6	10	10	22	29	28
H. Al-Shabab	26	6	7	13	36	55	25
Al Ahly Sarba	26	6	6	14	25	40	24
Al Salam Zgharta	26	6	2	18	31	54	20
Al Ahly Sidon	26	2	9	15	13	39	15

SAUDI ARABIA
1994-95 King's Cup

Quarter-finals

Al Hilal v Al Shabib ....2-1 *(aet)*
Al Wahda v Al Riyadh SC 0-2
Al Ittihad v Al Nasr 3-1
Al Ittifaq v Al Sho'ola ....1-0 *(aet)*

Semi-finals

Al Riyadh v Al Ittifaq 2-0
Al Ittihad v Al Hilal 0-1

Final

Al Hilal v Al Riyadh 1-0 (0-0)

SOUTH KOREA
1995 Korea Cup

First Round

Group A

03.06.95 South Korea v Rio Selection 2-0
03.06.95 Costa Rica v Kilmarnock 2-2
05.06.95 Kilmarnock v Rio Selection 1-2
05.06.95 South Korea v Costa Rica 1-0
07.06.95 Rio Selection v Costa Rica 0-2
07.06.95 South Korea v Kilmarnock 5-1

South Korea	3	3	0	0	8	1	9
Costa Rica	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Rio Selection	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Kilmarnock	3	0	1	2	4	9	1

Group B

04.06.95 Zambia v Ecuador 1-4
04.06.95 Mechelen v Trelleborgs 2-2
06.06.95 Trelleborgs v Ecuador 1-1
06.06.95 Mechelen v Zambia 0-0
08.06.95 Ecuador v Mechelen 2-1
08.06.95 Zambia v Trelleborgs 2-0

Ecuador	3	2	1	0	7	3	7
Zambia	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Mechelen	3	0	2	1	3	5	2
Trelleborgs	3	0	2	1	3	5	2

Semi-finals

10.06.95 South Korea v Zambia 2-3
10.06.95 Ecuador v Costa Rica 2-1

Final

12.06.95 Ecuador v Zambia 1-0

JAPAN

J.LEAGUE – 1ST STAGE (SUNTORY SERIES)

WEDNESDAY MARCH 22

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 6 (Noda 5, Miura 21, Bisconti 25, 82 pen, Hasebe og 38, Yamada 72)
VERDY KAWASAKI 2 (Fujiyoshi 52, Hashiratani 62). **Att:** 13,033.

KASHIWA REYSOL 0
KASHIMA ANTLERS 1 (Kurosaki 24). **Att:** 42,994.

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 1 (Bein 72)
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 0.
Att: 9,704.

SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 5 (Fue 7, 30, Mori 10, Huistra 28 pen, Hasek 87)
SHIMIZU S PULSE 0. **Att:** 7,421.

CEREZO OSAKA 2 (Kitazawa 9, Valdes 75)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 2 (Moriyama 1, Ogura 69). **Att:** 9,239.
Cerezo won 4-2 on pens

JUBILO IWATA 2 (Nakayama 12, Schillaci 68)
GAMBA OSAKA 1 (Morioka 75).
Att: 16,078.

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 0
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 3 (Maezono 4, Evair 80, Maeda 82). **Att:** 13,305.

SATURDAY MARCH 25

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 0
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 1 (Bisconti 12). **Att:** 36,039.

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 2 (Nakanishi 28, Maslovar 30)
BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 3 (Takada 48, Narahashi 75, Noguchi 83).
Att: 11,895.

KASHIMA ANTLERS 2 (Jorginho 3, Kurosaki 89)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 0.
Att: 15,144.

VERDY KAWASAKI 0
KASHIWA REYSOL 1 (Muller 13).
Att: 22,349.

GAMBA OSAKA 2 (Isogai 51, Morioka 68)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS 0.
Att: 13,356.

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 2 (Yonekura 35, Durix 70)
JUBILO IWATA 6 (Vanenberg 5 pen, Schillaci 44, 85, Nakayama 54, 72, Fujita 73). **Att:** 20,660.

SHIMIZU S PULSE 0
CEREZO OSAKA 1 (Morishima 68).
Att: 16,308.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29

KASHIWA REYSOL 2 (Muller 57, 99)
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 1 (Hirakawa 23). **Att:** 15,114.

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 0
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 0.
Att: 44,464
Grampus won 10-9 on pens

SHIMIZU S PULSE 4 (Dias 8, 79, Toninho 10, 44)
KASHIMA ANTLERS 2 (Jorginho 31, 38). **Att:** 18,118.

SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 2 (Hasek 17, 82)
VERDY KAWASAKI 0. **Att:** 17,333.

CEREZO OSAKA 3 (Marquinhos 43, 89 pen, Morishima 48)
JUBILO IWATA 4 (Fujita 25, 101, Yonezawa 77, Schillaci 78 pen).
Att: 10,993.

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 3 (Yamada 24, Masharu Suzuki 78, Tekehito Suzuki 119)
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 2 (Rufer 82, 84). **Att:** 11,978.

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 3 (Betinho 8, 29, Noguchi 26)
GAMBA OSAKA 5 (Isogai 16 pen, 29 pen, Protasov 62, 68, Aleinikov 77).
Att: 11,540.

SATURDAY APRIL 1

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 1 (Evair 21)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 2 (Moriyasu 36, Hasek 102). **Att:** 10, 481.

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 0
BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 1 (Sorimachi 109). **Att:** 20,509.

JUBILO IWATA 2 (Nakayama 5, Schillaci 7)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS 0.
Att: 17,621.

KASHIMA ANTLERS 2 (Jorginho 1, Hasegawa 49)
CEREZO OSAKA 0. **Att:** 15,335.

GAMBA OSAKA 4 (Kondo 22, 26, Yoshiyuki Matsuyama 54, Protasov 64)
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 0. **Att:** 17,749.

VERDY KAWASAKI 0
SHIMIZU S PULSE 1 (Dias 24).
Att: 5,820.

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 1 (Vasilijevic 119)
KASHIWA REYSOL 0. **Att:** 14,079.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 5

VERDY KAWASAKI 0
CEREZO OSAKA 1 (Kizawa 60).
Att: 44,650.

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 3 (Rufer 26, Ejiri 54, Jo 87)
SHIMIZU S PULSE 1 (Toninho 61).
Att: 13,228.

JUBILO IWATA 1 (Schillaci 29)
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 2 (Miura 53, Omora 84). **Att:** 17,813.

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 1 (Okayama 76)
KASHIWA REYSOL 4 (Muller 6, Nozomu Kato 65, 89, Careca 87).
Att: 18,819.

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 0
BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 1 (Almir 83). **Att:** 9,630.

GAMBA OSAKA 0
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 3 (Noh 4, 29, Katanosaka 71). **Att:** 11,332.

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 0
KASHIMA ANTLERS 1 (Kurosaki 64). **Att:** 13,753.

SATURDAY APRIL 8

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 2 (Betinho 7, Almir 46)
JUBILO IWATA 0. **Att:** 14,630.

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 2 (Yamada 9, 58)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 0.
Att: 13,254.

KASHIWA REYSOL 2 (Tanada 10, Muller 44)
GAMBA OSAKA 4 (Protasov 22, Matsuyama 41, Gillhaus 44, 61).
Att: 14,450.

KASHIMA ANTLERS 1 (Hasegawa 84)
VERDY KAWASAKI 0. **Att:** 15,825.

SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 1 (Hasek 83)
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 2 (Ejiri 1, Rufer 7). **Att:** 11,266.

CEREZO OSAKA 0
URAWA RED DIAMONDS 1 (Fukuda 110). **Att:** 11,763.

SHIMIZU S PULSE 2 (Toninho 71, 75)
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 3 (Maeda 38, 51, Maezono 54). **Att:** 18,409.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 12

KASHIWA REYSOL 0
JUBILO IWATA 1 (Nanami 92).
Att: 13,789.

VERDY KAWASAKI 4 (Alcindo 15, Bismarck 35, 76 pen, Takeda 79)
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 1 (Hattori 10). **Att:** 14,940.

SHIMIZU S PULSE 1 (Yoshida 89)
GAMBA OSAKA 3 (Aleinikov 45, 73, Gillhaus 57). **Att:** 18,036.

SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 4 (Hasek 43, 77 pen, 84, Mori 61)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 0.
Att: 7,012.

KASHIMA ANTLERS 3 (Leonardo 25 pen, Hasegawa 27, 61)
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 1 (Rufer 56 pen). **Att:** 15,195.

CEREZO OSAKA 1 (Kizawa 26)
BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 2 (Noguchi 31, Betinho 60). **Att:** 9,346.

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 2 (Masaharu Suzuki 4, Diaz 66)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS 3 (Rummenigge 1, Bein 68 pen, 104).
Att: 48,710.

SATURDAY APRIL 15

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 2 (Maezono 18, Hattori 33)
CEREZO OSAKA 3 (Valdes 41, Kanda 81, Kizawa 87). **Att:** 12,257.

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 4 (Bein 22, 47 pen, Fukuda 37, Buchwald 58)
KASHIWA REYSOL 0. **Att:** 9,759.

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 1 (Goto 99)
VERDY KAWASAKI 0. **Att:** 13,512.

JUBILO IWATA 1 (Nakayama 20)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 0.
Att: 18,542.

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 0
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 2 (Koizumi 49, Koga 87). **Att:** 44,152.

GAMBA OSAKA 1 (Yamaguchi 30 pen)
KASHIMA ANTLERS 3 (Leonardo 26, Soma 46, Santos 70). **Att:** 17,769.

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 2 (Mori 3, Stojkovic 80)
SHIMIZU S PULSE 0. **Att:** 20,548.

SATURDAY APRIL 22

VERDY KAWASAKI 1 (Takeda 48)
GAMBA OSAKA 0. **Att:** 12,713.

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 0
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 3 (Vasilijevic 42, Nonomura 80, Fujikawa 89). **Att:** 10,558.

KASHIMA ANTLERS 4 (Hasegawa 4, Kurosaki 17, 27, Jorginho 89)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 0.
Att: 15,273.

CEREZO OSAKA 4 (Valdes 5, 14, 60, Kanda 58)
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 0.
Att: 12,393.

KASHIWA REYSOL 1 (Ishikawa 63)
BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 2 (Betinho 23, 100). **Att:** 13,413.

SHIMIZU S PULSE 2 (Toninho 76, Sawanobori 86)
JUBILO IWATA 3 (Schillaci 30 pen, 116, Oishi 37). **Att:** 18, 432.

SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 1 (Moriyasu 3)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS 1 (Bein 44). **Att:** 12,387
Sanfrecce won 4-2 on pens

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 1 (Medina Bello 26)
KASHIWA REYSOL 0. **Att:** 51,725.

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 3 (Edson 13, Betinho 25, Van Loen 76)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 2 (Uemura 10, Michiki 23). **Att:** 11,337.

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 4 (Mori 15, Passi 35, Hirano 56, Moriyama 95)
VERDY KAWASAKI 3 (Fujiyoshi 54, Pereira 73 pen, Bismarck 82).
Att: 21,557.

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 2 (Mizuuchi 45, Fukuda 75 pen)
SHIMIZU S PULSE 3 (Sawanobori 26, Toninho 64, Dias 85). **Att:** 9,739.

GAMBA OSAKA 3 (Protasov 72, 108, Hiraoka 85)
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 2 (Mitsuoka 2, Harada 74). **Att:** 12,236.

JUBILO IWATA 0
KASHIMA ANTLERS 1 (Manaka 91).
Att: 17,357.

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 3 (Ejiri 20, 49, Minamoto og 78)
CEREZO OSAKA 4 (Marquinhos 5, Kurata 49, Valdes 84, 113). **Att:** 11,757.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 4 (Yoshida 19, Watanabe 63, Evair 69, Zinho 83)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 3 (Ogura 37, Asano 41, Kosugi 88).
Att: 13,381.

CEREZO OSAKA 1 (Marquinhos 84)
KASHIWA REYSOL 2 (Shimotaira 69, Nozomu Kato 71). **Att:** 13,109.

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 2 (Rufer 45, Jo 89)
GAMBA OSAKA 2 (Yamaguchi 26, Protasov 70). Att: 9,486.
JEF Utd won 4-3 on pens

VERDY KAWASAKI 3 (Hashiratani 26, Takeda 38, Kawamae 110)
JUBILO IWATA 2 (Koga 20, Fujita 68). Att: 14,289.

KASHIMA ANTLERS 1 (Leonardo 84)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS 0. Att: 19,982.

SHIMIZU S PULSE 1 (Nagashima 85)
BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 4 (Edson 24, Takada 38, Betinho 60, Almir 66). Att: 14,000.

SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 0
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 1 (Jinno 89). Att: [illegible]

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 2 (Bein 42, Okubo 90)
VERDY KAWASAKI 2 (Pereira 18, Kitazawa 44). Att: 39,852.
Urawa won 4-3 on pens

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 2 (Torres 4, Hirano 90)
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 2 (Maslovar 30, Nakayama 88). Att: 20,293.
Grampus won 4-3 on pens

JUBILO IWATA 2 (Schillaci 82 pen, 90)
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 1 (Zinho 75 pen). Att: 10,000.

CEREZO OSAKA 1 (Valdes 54)
GAMBA OSAKA 0. Att: 13,057.

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 7 (Nakata 35, Noguchi 50, 60, 71, 73, 86, Betinho 89)
KASHIMA ANTLERS 0. Att: 15,709.

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 2 (Ihara 21, Bisconti 51)
SHIMIZU S PULSE 0. Att: 13,897.

KASHIWA REYSOL 1 (Oba 39)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 2 (Oki 66, Hulstra 85). Att: 14,723.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 6 (Hirano 28, Passi 57, Ogura 64, Stojkovic 74, Okayama 82, Moriyama 83)
CEREZO OSAKA 0. att: 20,775.

KASHIMA ANTLERS 4 (Kurosaki 11, Hasegawa 15, 44, Leonardo 70)
KASHIWA REYSOL 0. Att: 15,816.

VERDY KAWASAKI 2 (Takeda 20, Pereira 69 pen)
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 3 (Medina Bello 4, Yamada 50, Miura 59). Att: 14,789.

SHIMIZU S PULSE 1 (Miura 35)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 0. Att: 18,511.

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 1 (Zinho 38)
BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 5 (Narahashi 22, Nakata 41, 60, Almir 55, Noguchi 79). Att: 11,608.

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 0
URAWA RED DIAMONDS 1 (Taguchi 89). Att: 52,149.

GAMBA OSAKA 5 (Yamaguchi 26, Gillhaus 47, 58, Havenaar 65 og, Protasov 88)
JUBILO IWATA 1 (Nakayama 83). Att: 17,815.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 3 (Noguchi 37, 46, Betinho 76)
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 4 (Maslovar 36, Ejiri 44, 89, Edson og 107). Att: 11,824.

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 0
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 0. Att: 13,817.
Flugels won 5-4 on pens

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 4 (Fukuda 10, 75, Bein 58, Tsuchihashi 89)
GAMBA OSAKA 2 (Yamaguchi 32, Gillhaus 89). Att: 9,589.

KASHIWA REYSOL 0
VERDY KAWASAKI 1 (Kitazawa 44). Att: 46,294.

SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 3 (Van Loen 22, 82, Hulstra 58 pen)
KASHIMA ANTLERS 0. Att: 13,143.

JUBILO IWATA 1 (Fujita 71)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 0. Att: 14,291.

CEREZO OSAKA 1 (Valdes 47)
SHIMIZU S PULSE 1 (Tajima 55). Att: 11,497.
Shimizu won 3-2 on pens

SATURDAY, MAY 13

VERDY KAWASAKI 3 (Takeda 40, Hasebe 71, Alcindo 89)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 1 (Moriyasu 75). Att: 13,119.

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 2 (Stojkovic 50, 82 pen)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS 2 (Fukuda 68 pen, Taguchi 74). Att: 36,770.
Grampus won 7-6 on pens

GAMBA OSAKA 2 (Protasov 48, Isogai 83 pen)
BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 4 (Almir 35, Takada 78, Sorimachi 79, Betinho 89 pen). Att: 15,119.

JUBILO IWATA 3 (Schillaci 35, 81, Nakayama 50)
CEREZO OSAKA 1 (Valdes 57). Att: 18,041.

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 0
KASHIWA REYSOL 1 (Kato 44 pen). Att: 11,994.

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 2 (Jo 10, Ejiri 75)
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 1 (Bisconti 40). Att: 15,807.

KASHIMA ANTLERS 0
SHIMIZU S PULSE 1 (Dias 22). Att: 15,813.

SATURDAY JUNE 17

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 3 (Almir 8, 37, Teruo Iwamoto 43)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 4 (Okayama 10, Stojkovic 22, Hirano 48, Torres 116). Att: 14,163.

KASHIWA REYSOL 0
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 3 (Rufer 0 Ejiri 41, Vasilijevic 69). Att: 13,314.

SHIMIZU S PULSE 0
VERDY KAWASAKI 4 (Hashiratani 3, Takeda 10, Alcindo 54, Pereira 84). Att: 18,776.

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 3 (Jinno 50, Medina Bello 73, 89)
GAMBA OSAKA 1 (Gillhaus 86). Att: 13,145.

SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 1 (Oki 89)
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 2 (Harada 52, Hattori 83). Att: 15,284.

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 2 (Bein 4, Fukuda 35 pen)
JUBILO IWATA 1 (Schillaci 48). Att: 14,122.

CEREZO OSAKA 0
KASHIMA ANTLERS 0. Att: 13,748
Kashima won 4-2 on pens

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 3 (Bisconti 52, 78, Omura 57)
JUBILO IWATA 2 (Fujita 37, Endo 87). Att: 13,505.

CEREZO OSAKA 3 (Valdes 62, Kawamae 73, Marqinhos 89 pen)
VERDY KAWASAKI 6 (Alcindo 19, 33, Pereira 29 pen, 42 pen, Takeda 50, Bismarck 84). Att: 13,703.

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 3 (Teruo Iwamoto 4, Betinho 56, Nakata 89)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS 1 (Fukuda 84). Att: 13,673.

KASHIWA REYSOL 0
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 1 (Okayama 50). Att: 11,388.

SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 1 (Hasek 36)
GAMBA OSAKA 0. Att: 8,667.

KASHIMA ANTLERS 2 (Santos 3 pen, Kurosaki 15)
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 3 (Maezono 56, Yamaguchi 73, Furukawa og 89). Att: 15,263.

SHIMIZU S PULSE 1 (Hasegawa 89)
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 1 (Ejiri 75). Att: 18,545.
S Pulse won 6-5 on pens

SATURDAY JUNE 24

VERDY KAWASAKI 3 (Alcindo 44, Kitazawa 69, Takeda 76)
KASHIMA ANTLERS 1 (Koga 79). Att: 13,602.

JUBILO IWATA 4 (Nakayama 27, 71, Schillaci 61, 81)
BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 1 (Almir 35). Att: 10,554.

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 3 (Niimura 37, 76, Maslovar 46)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 0. Att: 14,276.

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 3 (Durix 39, Okayama 53, Yonekura 77)
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 2 (Takehito Suzuki 55, Yamada 63). Att: 24,071.

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 6 (Maeda 26, 55, Rodrigo 33, 70, Yamaguchi 44, Evair 73)
SHIMIZU S PULSE 1 (Dias 69). Att: 13,789.

URAWA RED DIAMONDS 2 (Bein 62, Fukuda 78)
CEREZO OSAKA 0. Att: 9,912.

GAMBA OSAKA 1 (Hiraoka 60)
KASHIWA REYSOL 3 (Careca 58, Nelsinho 75, Tanada 84). Att: 14,811.

J.LEAGUE – FIRST STAGE (SUNTORY SERIES)

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Yokohama Marinos	19	13	6	38	29	40
Kashima Antlers	19	12	7	31	27	36
Jef United Ichihara	19	11	8	36	26	35
Bellmare Hiratsuka	19	11	8	46	34	34
Jubilo Iwata	19	11	8	36	30	33
Sanfrecce Hiroshima	19	10	9	29	21	30
Urawa Reds	19	9	10	26	23	30
Verdy Kawasaki	19	9	10	34	30	28
Grampus 8	19	9	10	33	43	28
Cerezo Osaka	19	8	11	27	36	26
Gamba Osaka	19	8	11	39	37	25
Yokohama Flugels	19	8	11	31	36	24
Shimizu S Pulse	19	8	11	23	44	24
Kashiwa Reysol	19	6	13	19	32	18

Leading Scorers

1 ....S Schillaci (Jubilo iwata) 15
2 ....Betinho (Bellmare Hiratsuka).....12
3 ....K Noguchi (Bellmare Hiratsuka)....11
J Dely Valdes (Cerezo Osaka) 11
5 ....U Bein (Urawa Red Diamonds) 10
O Protasov (Gamba Osaka).....10
7 ....M Fukuda (Urawa Reds) 9
M Nakayama (Jubilo Iwata) 9
I Hasek (Sanfrecce Hiroshima).....9

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BRIAN GLANVILLE'S
LAST WORD

Prepare for a revolution

ON JUNE 20, Jean-Marc Bosman went to the European Court in Luxembourg to demand that transfer fees, at the end of a pro player's contract, be ruled illegal.

Otto Lenz, the Advocate General, delivers his opinion on September 12. Based upon his recommendations the full Court will rule on the case early next year. It could well put a bomb under professional soccer in Europe as we know it.

Whatever the consequences and, for professional Euro football, the dangers, it is clear that both morally and legally, Bosman's is a persuasive case. A case which has its parallel in that of Common Market footballers.

Only the wiles and skills of the late Artemio Franchi, when president of UEFA, kept the Euro commissioners at bay for years. When he died, there was nobody as diplomatically adroit to prevent European law from having its way.

Common Market footballers clearly had the right to play wherever they wished in the Community, even though it might work against the national interests of the game.

By the same token, freedom of contract, it might be argued – and now indeed has been – should surely mean that. Though in football, it doesn't. In almost any other activity you can name, a person whose working contract comes to an end is free to go wherever he likes. Not so with footballers.

The farce of the present situation could hardly have been shown more embarrassingly, and at a more delicate moment, than in the instance of Roberto Baggio. In June, his contract with Juventus came to an end, and the club made it perfectly and abrasively clear that they wished to sell him. But was Baggio a free agent? Only in the most technical terms.

The so-called UEFA 'parameters' decreed that age, status and salary put a transfer fee on his head of 21billion lire: well over £9million. Some sort of freedom!

Even Gordon Taylor, chief executive of our PFA says he is alarmed by the consequences of Bosman, who felt he was badly treated by his Liege club, winning his case.

Clearly he would like to see greater measures of freedom for his own members, but he knows full well that chaos could be created, that players of high status could insist on short-term contracts, that smaller clubs, relying so heavily on fees for the players they develop, could be driven to bankruptcy.

These are all points I take on board but they have nothing to do with the legal and moral sides of the affair. In law, freedom should surely mean exactly that. Nor does it seem morally right that a club can restrain a player against the payment of a fee when his contract is ultimately done.

In England, of course, matters are not so rigid, or quite so expensive. Where clubs cannot agree a fee for a player who is out of contract, a tribunal will decide on it. But a fee it remains.

When France abolished constraints of contract in 1971, freedom meant just what it said. At the end of his contract, a player could simply move, without let or hindrance. A sharp contrast with what happened in England even when the PFA did, initially, after a long and bitter fight, secure freedom of a strictly limited kind.

Initially, and deplorably, in an absurdly one-sided bargain, a club had the right to retain a player on option. The option being an extension of his contract for the period he originally agreed. In other words if he initially signed for two years he could be in for four – at the club's discretion – and *pro rata*. That never made any kind of legal or moral sense.

All very well to protest that football is a 'special' sport. I was very disappointed when restrictions on Common Market players were lifted, and have been not a whit surprised by the unhappy consequences. The ability of clubs such as Milan to build up a park of foreign players, only three of whom can be used at any one time. And now, I'll admit that the consequences of absolute freedom of contract could in many ways be deeply negative.

Yet goodness knows the clubs had it their own way for generations. The maximum wage lasted in the Football League till 1961! After World War One, the maximum was promptly reduced from £9 to £8; and there it stayed, until after World War Two!

The French experience however suggests there may be hope. Many a player has stayed with his club for several years, however free he notionally may have been. And there would be nothing after all to stop transfer fees being paid while a player was still in contract.

Meanwhile, hold on to your hats and prepare for a revolution.

False freedom . . . Roberto Baggio's 'default' value is over £9million!

'These are the legal and moral sides of the affair: in law, freedom should surely mean exactly that. Nor does it seem morally right that a club can restrain a player against the payment of a fee when his contract is ultimately done'

Kohler has a case, too

THE David Pleat-Luton Town-Sheffield Wednesday affair appeared to show that there is still one law for the rich, and another for the (not so) poor.

By the time you read this I imagine the matter will have been resolved, but while it lasts, it's a displeasing and pre-occupying phenomenon. Not least because it involves one of the most likeable and capable managers in England. *Et tue, Pleaty!* one is tempted to say.

It was Sam Goldwyn Senior who opined: "A verbal contract isn't worth the paper it's written on!" But for our club managers, a written contract doesn't appear any more pre-occupying.

In recent times, Ron Atkinson walked out – on Sheffield Wednesday – Mike Walker turned his back on Norwich City for an ill-starred spell at Everton, Ossie Ardiles broke his contract with West Bromwich for an equally ill-starred period at Spurs. Most controversially of all, Brian Little last season quit Leicester for Aston Villa, having seemingly denied that one decision had anything to do with the other.

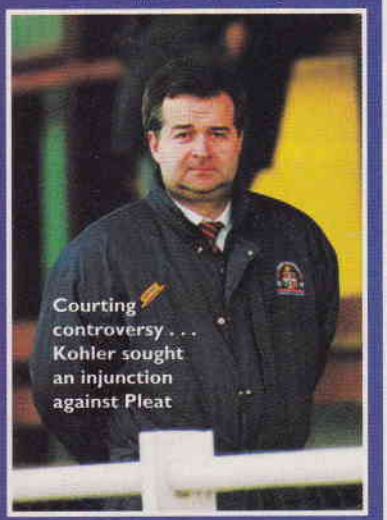
And then . . . Pleat. Who has twice been an outstanding manager at Luton, for whom he has performed wonders both on the field, and in terms of transfers. A manager who was very unlucky to have been thrown out by Tottenham, who were lusting at the time after Terry Venables. A manager who probably could have done a good job at Arsenal, too.

On the moral side, I suppose Pleat could argue that he had done so much for Luton, made and saved them so much money, given them so much unexpected success, that he was entitled to better himself when the offer came. That his sometimes controversial chairman, David Kohler, was wrong to demand from Wednesday as much as £300,000; a demand which could well have scuppered the deal.

Morally wrong, perhaps. It's a wholly subjective question. But legally wrong, not at all. A contract, after all is a contract. Or what's the use of signing it? And if our managers think they can walk out when they please, why should they expect any more from their players, in this turbulent and greedy age?

So – legally – Kohler had every right to go to court and get an injunction. And I had cause to reflect once more that the so-called charter agreed by the managers and the Premier Greed Is Good League just didn't go far enough.

Football's rules, let alone the law of the land, should make it impossible for a manager to walk out on one club to join another when his contract is in force. How often, if at all, does it happen, say, in Italy?



Courting controversy . . . Kohler sought an injunction against Pleat

Crass and confused

TERRY VENABLES, it can't be contested, has made an awful start.

The England team he fielded in the recent Umbro Cup may have been depleted, but his crass selections and confused substitutions made things immeasurably worse.

The deploying of Batty against Brazil with its awful consequences – an equalising goal given away, a foul which should have meant expulsion. The inexcusable delay in bringing on Gascoigne against Brazil. A substitution made when the game was well lost. The bizarre choice of Barnes against the Swedes. The failure to look at Redknapp. The stubborn snubbing of Le Tissier.

Still, the Republic of Ireland drew in Liechtenstein and lost to Austria; even Croatia lost in Ukraine. There *is* a chance for England next year. But whether Venables can take it remains debatable.

Crass choice . . . Batty was awful against Brazil

Make this a date!

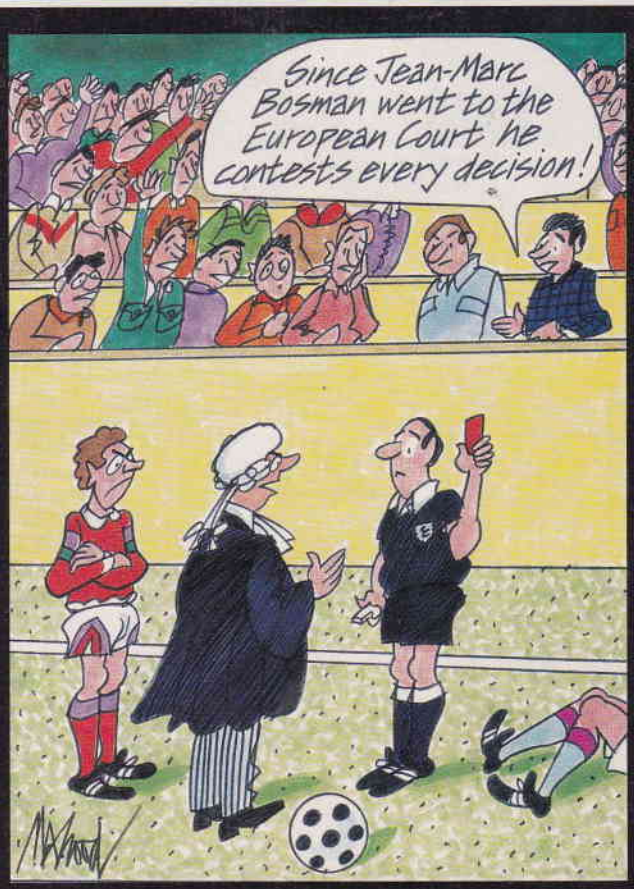
ON SUNDAY July 30 at Stamford Bridge, Chelsea, presumably with Ruud Gullit, play Porto, the Portuguese champions managed by Bobby Robson, in a testimonial match for Paul Elliott. A worthy cause, indeed.

Elliott's distinguished career, which also took in Charlton, Luton, Pisa and Celtic, came to a horribly abrupt end at Liverpool after a clash with Dean Saunders. Elliott was only 28, and one of the best centre-backs in Britain.

In the High Court last year, where he sought damages, a deeply controversial judgement found against him, and he went down for an estimated £500,000. Insult added to injury, indeed.

Porto's team is full of stars, such as Yuran, Drulovic and Rui Barros. Do go if you can!

Insult to injury . . . Elliott is down (and ultimately) out at Anfield



MAHOOD

A to Z OF THE WORLD'S GREAT GROUNDS

By SIMON INGLIS, author of *The Football Grounds of Great Britain* and *The Football Grounds of Europe*

WEMBLEY STADIUM

Capacity 78,120 all-seated
Opened 1923

● WHERE to start with the Venue of Legends, aka the Venue of No Legroom? Revered and derided in equal measure, Wembley is the mecca where the toilets overflow; where many thousands gather but a few thousand see little (because their seats have hopeless sightlines); the expensively renovated building which remains stubbornly inadequate. But a solution is in sight, because Britain now has pots of lottery money to dispense, and the Premier League has £50million to invest in a national stadium. But will it be Wembley? Manchester and Birmingham think they have a better case. Wembley argue that as long as the famous twin towers are preserved, a new stadium can arise in its place. But it is not that simple. Wembley is privately owned as a company massively in hock to the banks, yet with a stadium management team consulted from Paris to Hong Kong. Recent surveys suggest that Birmingham is the fans' preferred choice, while Manchester has a stadium site, cleared and ready for the 2002 Commonwealth Games. So who will win the Sports Council's vote, scheduled for September? My prediction: a controversial but inevitable victory for the grand old dame of world stadiums, with Old Trafford as the second *de facto* major venue in the north.
***WORLD SOCCER* rating** 5 out of 10 for the structure, but 9 out of 10 for the memories.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Name Molineux Stadium
Capacity 28,525 all-seated
Opened 1889, rebuilt 1991-94

● IT MAY not be in the Premier League. It may not have been in the limelight since the floodlit heydays of the 1950s. But a £14.5million refit – bankrolled by local-boy-made-good, 'Union' Jack Hayward – has seen Molineux transformed into what may just be the most perfect medium-sized ground in Britain. Three new stands, tastefully designed and named after club stalwarts such as Billy Wright, have been added to an existing 1970s stand, which itself has been refitted. But the real joys are the liberal use of old gold, and the location, nestling in a dip on the edge of the town centre, amid offices, pubs and landscaped walkways. Instead of a town and a ground turning their back on each other, here there is a mutual embrace. Not every club has a sugar daddy, but Molineux shows that good design need not cost the earth, and is worth every penny.
***WORLD SOCCER* rating** 9 (out of 10)

WERDER BREMEN

Name Weserstadion
Capacity 40,640 (22,378 seats)
Opened 1921, rebuilt 1980-88
Location In the Werder district of Bremen, next to the River Weser

● TAKE one athletics track, add the U-shaped stands of Dusseldorf (but with a much plainer cantilevered roof), the twin-mast floodlights of Cologne and a Hamburg-style open air swimming pool next door and you have an archetypal German superstadium; worthy, efficient, but unlikely to stir the emotions. Building work is taking place to cover the remaining ostkurve, thus creating a covered bowl. The lower three sides of terracing may also be seated in the future. After World War Two the Americans took over the complex and renamed it Ike Stadium (after General Eisenhower). Nowadays the only American influence is in the form of 37 private boxes. After years of municipal subsidy, German stadiums are now having to pay their way.
***WORLD SOCCER* rating** 7 (out of 10)

WINDSOR PARK

● AS THE royal name suggests, Northern Ireland's national stadium is a protestant stronghold, owned by Ulster's leading club, Linfield. Unlike its spiritual cousin at Ibrox, however, Windsor Park is more like an English Second Division ground. In an overall capacity of 25,000, only its 10,700 seats are used for internationals, of which 6,800 are in the only modern section, the two-tier North Stand, opened by Joao Havelange in 1984. There are modest wooden seats on two other sides plus large areas of terracing. Linfield average around 3-4,000. Northern Ireland drew barely 7,000 for the recent defeat against Latvia. But games against Portugal and the Republic of Ireland sold out and beg the question, when is Windsor Park going to be modernised? During Ulster's years of sectarian violence the ground experienced riots, terrorist bombs and plastic bullets. Now it desperately needs investment.

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